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STEER STORY

UN Experts Assert Iraq Hides Germ Weapons

Report on Baghdad's Biological Arms Calls Disclosures 'Incomplete and Inadequate'

By Barbara Crossette

UNITED NATIONS, New York -A team of independent experts who reviewed Iraq's progress in eliminating biological weapons at Baghdad's request have rejected President Saddam Hussein's contention that he no longer has a germ warfare program.

The experts' report, made public on Thursday, called Iraqi disclosures "incomplete and inadequate" and said that Baghdad had failed to convince them that resources such as weapons, bulk agents, bulk media and seed stocks have been eliminated."

Most disturbing, the report said, were lraqi claims that they had destroyed missile warheads containing biological weapons. The Iraqi account, the experts said, "cannot be reconciled with physical evidence.

The findings are a blow to Iraq, which had demanded the independent review in the hope that it would present a more positive picture of Iraqi compliance than that of the United Nations Special Commission, which has been monitoring Iraqi disarmament since 1991. UN inspectors say that Baghdad could still have an active germ warfare weapons program or the ingredients to produce extremely lethal biological weapons

iraq and the Security Council are now eading into another critical and potentially explosive few weeks, culminating in the first major review of sanctions against Iraq since Secretary-

AGENDA

Where's Karadzic?

The United States said Thursday

that the noose was tightening around Radovan Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb leader, but

that it could not confirm negoti-

ations were going on for his sur-

sponding to a report from London

that Mr. Karadzic, the most wanted

war crimes suspect of the Bosnian

war, was seeking terms of surrender

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Tornadoes Kill 38

In the U.S. South

Tornadoes in the American South

have killed at least 38 people across the region. Hardest hit was Jeffer-

son County, west of Birmingham,

Alabama, with at least 18 people dead and several communities devastated. At least 30 people were

killed in Alabama, and five in Geor-

gia. At least 40 people in Alabama were hospitalized, half of them crit-

Congress believes the tobacco

companies are bluffing and plans to push anti-smoking legislation in spite of the firms' decision to withhold cooperation from the law-making process. President Bill

Climon said the companies were-making "a big mistake." Page 3.

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render to international justice.

U.S. Isn't Certain

General Kofi Annan concluded an agreement with Mr. Hussein in February that headed off a threatened American-led military attack.

Iraqi officials have been talking confidently of closing the book on sanc-tions this year. That will certainly not happen in this review, diplomats say. But diplomats and UN officials have

not ruled out some movement on easing sanctions by the autumn. Russia, France and China, which have commercial interests in Iraq, have argued that the embargo cannot last forever. Russian and French officials as well as Mr. Annan have been telling Iraq that it must cooperate with inspections to strengthen its position. Iray's interpretation of co-

operation remains unclear, however.

The recently completed inspections of eight formerly off-limits presidential properties in Iraq, made possible by Mr.
Annan's agreement, are being touted by
the Iraqis as significant cooperation.
A report on those inspections, in
which officials of the UN Special Com-

mission, or Unscom, were accompanied by diplomats, will be sent to the Security Council next week. But some serious questions remain

unanswered about those inspections, and these could add to Iraq's problems in coming weeks.

When Mr. Annan signed the pact with Iraq on Feb. 23, Iraqi officials suggested that they regarded the presidential site

inspections as one-time events. Mr. Annan and Richard Butler, the

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Outburst of Anger Resounds Across Russia

Communist-era flag in hand, protesters in Moscow sounding off on Thursday about wages, jobs and economic policy. The protests began in Vladivostok in the Far East, eight time zones away, and continued through Siberia into Western Russia as the day progressed. Hundreds of thousands took part. Page 5.

Under Pressure, Tokyo Cuts Taxes

Short-Term Move Is Praised; Calls for Deep Reform Persist

By Sandra Sugawara
Washington Pest Service

TOKYO - Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto unveiled a plan on Thursday to cut income taxes by \$30 billion, responding to rising domestic and inter-national pressure by taking a step that several economists predicted could in the short term - stop Japan's slide into a recession.

At a televised news conference, Mr. Hashimoto also said that his total package to stimulate the weakened economy and restore consumer confidence and spending would exceed \$120 billion, as proposed by his Liberal Democratic Party. More than \$60 billion would be spent on public works, focusing on information and communications sys-tems, facilities to deal with an aging society, and environmental cleanup. Although Mr. Hashimoto gave few

additional details about the tax-andauditional details about the tax-and-spending plan, the announcement was applauded by Thomas Foley, the U.S. ambassador to Japan, who called it "very encouraging." The United States has led a rising chorus of foreign nations clamoring for tax cuts to revive economic growth in Japan. (Page 17.)
[A senior official from the Interna-

tional Monetary Fund said Thursday that he hoped Japan's new effort to stimulate its economy would live up to international expectations, The Associated Press reported from Washington.

'We are hopeful that the details, which will certainly be distilled over the next few hours and days, will be up to world expectations," said the official.]

Mr. Foley said: "I think it is a bold

action. It is certainly action that represents a sharp increase in stimulation efforts on the part of the Japanese."

Investors in global currency markets initially expressed some doubt about the plan by bidding the value of the U.S. dollar higher. The central Bank of Japan, aided by the U.S. Federal Reserve according to some reports, quickly intervened, and the dollar moved back down. In late trading in New York, the dollar was at 131.225 yen, down from to's address came after the close of the

Tokyo Stock Market. In Washington, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin praised the tax cuts. What is crucial is that Japan move quickly to put in place a strong pro-gram," he said. Within Japan, Mr. Hashimoto's han-

dling of the economy over the last several months has sent his popularity rating plummeting, but some analysts said his performance Thursday night might turn that around.

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Prime Minister Hashimoto also plans to raise spending on public projects.

150 Pilgrims To Mecca Die In Stampede On a Bridge

MECCA - A stampede broke out Thursday on a crowded bridge near Mecca, killing more than 150 Muslim pilgrims on the last day of the haif, Saudi officials said.

Some of the victims were trampled, and others fell to their death.

Most of the victims were from Indonesia and Malaysia and were deer victims included Indians, Moroccans, Tunisians, Pakistanis and Egyptians, the officials reported. The stampede occurred on a desert

plain in searing heat as pilgrims per-formed a ritual known as "stoning the devil," the official Saudi Press Agency said. It put the death toll at 107.

At the ceremony, pilgrims throw seven chickpea-size stones at pillars three times over as many days. The pillars symbolize the temptations of Satan.

The stampede broke out on a bridge at Mina, 5 kilometers (3 miles) from Mecca, where 2.3 million Muslims from about 100 countries have gathered, the

The hajj pilgrimage is an obligation once in a lifetime of every able-bodied

Muslim who can afford it.

The police tried to rescue some of the pilgrims, but the surging crowds prevented them from getting near, the

agency added. Crowds of tens of thousands had struggled with heat that hovered above 38 degrees Celsius (100 Fahrenheit). Helicopters had hovered overhead to spot pilgrims fainting, and workers threw small bags of chilled water from

To shield themselves, pilgrims covered their heads with towels or carried umbrellas, some inscribed with

trucks to those making their way to the

Policemen using loudspeakers had pleaded in Arabic, English, French and

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Talks on Ulster Go Down to the Wire

Leaders of Britain and Ireland Are Said to Accept Settlement

By T.R. Reid Washington Post Service

BELFAST — A tense struggle between intransigence and idealism stretched late into Thursday night as negotiators worked toward an agreetoric dimensions: peace in Northern Ire-

The prime ministers of Britain and Ireland, working from borrowed offices at the Stormont Castle complex here, both reportedly accepted a settlement proposal that would preserve Northern Ireland's links to Britain but build a closer relationship with the Republic of Ireland. That in itself would be a historic breakthrough.

The remaining question was whether the two heads of state could sell the plan to the leaders of the eight Ulster political parties still involved in the talks.

The agreement would mark the biggest change in governmental arrangements in Northern Ireland since the island of Eire was divided in 1920 into what became the independent and overwhelmingly Roman Catholic nation of Ireland and the predominantly -

President Clinton has invested much effort in the talks, Page 12.

Protestant British province of Northern Ireland in the northeast corner. It would give Northern Ireland an elected as sembly and prime minister of its own, in alliance with Britain, while creating several cross-border commissions with authority shared between the two Ire-

As darkness fell over the green, forested castle grounds, there was considerable speculation that the bargaining would extend past midnight Thursday, the deadline set by the chairman of the talks, former U.S. Senator George Mitchell.

This would presumably not surprise Mr. Mitchell, who, as majority leader, occasionally stopped the clocks in the endangered there. On a strange spring day that saw

snow falling from a sunny blue sky, the atmosphere among the negotiators seemed to swing back and forth as wildly as the weather. But most assessments were optimistic.

"I think we are going to make this deal," said Monica McWilliams, head of a centrist party, the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition. "I am 100 percent confident that we'll do it by tonight, or tomorrow morning, or at the latest by

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Militant Islamists in Morocco: 'Preparing for Future'

By Marlise Simons

CASABLANCA, Morocco — A group of students at the University of Casablanca were comparing notes about how they were being courted by militants of an Islamist movement One month the recruiters offered cultural visits to

Marrakesh. Another time they volunteered to distribute free photocopies of textbooks, which are expensive and scarce. Last year, another student recalled, the recruiters offered karate lessons and special coaching for exams. "They all pretend that they just want to help us," said Amina Maadi, a second-year economics student. "They

really want us to get involved in their causes." Militant Islamic groups have been mobilizing and expanding in Morocco, as they have in other Muslim countries. By assisting the sick, the widowed and the

unemployed, they have gained followers in the shantytowns in Tangier, Rabat and Casablanca. Their charities run blood banks and help people organize and Islamic politics in Morocco. "There are many funerals. On feast days they offer lamb or mutton to the

The groups have been steadily reaching into the educational system, enlisting high school teachers and university students, both men and women. Until a recent crackdown, most student leaders of the country's 14 universities belonged to Justice and Charity, the larger and more radical of Morocco's two main

Islamic movements. The Islamists have made inroads at schools because they seize on the frustrations of the students with the lack of job opportunities and the shortage of classrooms. But estimates about Muslim militants who

are hostile to the government are imprecise. "It is very difficult to measure the impact of these

claims, going from 50,000 to 500,000 members. They are a minority, but they are very motivated, very determined. As in much of the Arab world, they grow because of the great malaise, the social injustice, the

harsh life in the cities, the generation gap. Most Moroccan youths are not anti-Western. But many who do not belong to the ranks of the rich resent the lack of jobs and a culture of corruption. Unem-

ployment is officially put at 17 percent but generally held to be much higher A recent opinion poll that startled the Establishment said almost 90 percent of Moroccans between the ages

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of 20 and 29 want to leave the country. Among

A Voice From Vietnam

Vitamin C Dosage Risks?

Study Finds Possible Harm From Too Much

By Jane E. Brody New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Those who think that if a little vitamin C is good, more must be better should think again, say a team of British researchers, who found that a supplement of 500 milligrams a day could damage people's genes. Many Americans take that much, or

more, in hopes of preventing colds and reaping the widely celebrated antioxidant benefits of vitamin C. Antioxidants, which block cellular and molecular damage caused by the highly reactive molecules called free radicals, are believed to protect against heart disease, cancer, eye disorders like cataracts and macular degeneration, and other chronic health problems.

But the British researchers, chemical pathologists at the University of Leicester, found in a six-week study of 30 healthy men and women that a daily 500-milligram supplement of vitamin C had pro-oxidant as well as antioxidant effects on DNA, which houses the genes. The researchers found that at the 500-

milligram level, vitamin C promoted genetic damage by free radicals to a part of the DNA, the adenine bases, that had not previously been measured in studies of the vitamin's oxidative properties.

The finding, published in the British journal Nature, corroborates warnings that have been issued for decades by an American physician, Victor Herbert, professor of medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. Dr. Herbert has shown, primarily through laboratory studies, that vitamin C supplements promote the generation of free radicals from iron in the body.

Dr. Herbert said, "The vitamin C in

supplements mobilizes harmless ferric iron stored in the body and converts it to harmful ferrous iron, which induces damage to the heart and other organs."

Unlike the vitamin C naturally present in foods like orange juice, vitamin C as a supplement is not an antioxidant," Dr. Herbert said. "It's a redox agent - an antioxidant in some circumstances and a pro-oxidant in oth-

Mrs. Ngo gave daily broadcasts. See TOO MUCH, Page 12



'Hanoi Hannah' Has No Regreis Over War Role By David Lamb Los Angeles Times Service

HO CHI MINH CITY - Her voice was as smooth as silk, her English impeccable and, as Hanoi's most prominent propagandist during the Vietnam War, "Hanoi Hannah" tried to convince U.S. soldiers they were

had turned against. For eight years, soldiers tuned in to her daily radio broadcasts in godforsaken outposts with names such as the Rockpile, Ben Het and Con Thien. Although virtually no one took her seriously, they did wonder if she was as lovely in person as she sounded, and

many considered her Vietnam's most

prominent Communist after Ho Chi

fighting an immoral war that America

Hearing this, the now 67-year-old Hanoi Hannah — whose real name is Trinh Thi Ngo — giggled, feigning surprise. "Oh, my," she said. "I wasn't a celebrity. I did love that time in Hanoi, but I was just an ordinary

citizen trying to contribute to my country."

Petite and lovely. Mrs. Ngo did the last of her 30-minute broadcasts in 1973, when the bulk of the U.S. military withdrew. She moved to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) in 1975 with her husband, an engineer who is now retired. They live in a modest three-bedroom apartment near the former Presidential Palace that she used to call the "den of puppers" and listen faithfully to newscasts on the Voice of America.

Although she earned a First-Class Resistance Medal for her work and still does occasional translation and voiceovers for the Voice of Vietnam, Mrs. Ngo has slipped quietly into anonymity, surrounded by young Vietnamese who have never heard of the Rockpile, much less of Hanoi Hannah.

"This is Thu Huong calling American servicemen in South Vietnam." her daily broadcast would begin, using

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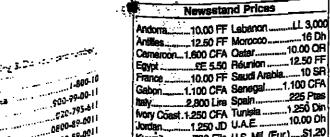
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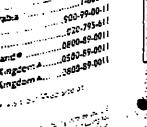
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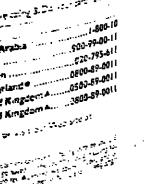




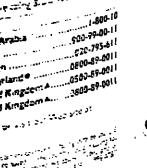


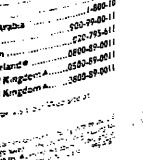














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On the Rise of Free Markets / Another Missed Deadline and Another Blockbuster

Late Again: Yergin, A Writer With Perfect Timing

By Ken Ringle

ASHINGTON — Daniel Yergin should be the easiest guy in the world to hate. It is not enough that he's smart (degrees from Yale, Cambridge and Harvard), rich (his business grosses \$75 million a year), talented (six well-reviewed books, one Pulitzer Prize) and wellconnected (he advises the U.S. and foreign governments on strategic issues). He is also lucky.

His second book hit the stores in 1979 just as Americans were lining up for gasoline and panicking about the years ahead. Called "Energy Future." it sold 300,000 copies in six lan-

guages.

His fourth book came out in 1991 just as Saddam Hussein was invading Kuwait and threatening to choke off oil from the Middle East. That book, "The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money and Power," sold some 700,000 copies in 13 languages, won the Pulitzer and was made into a PBS television series seen by some 20 million people.

His latest book, "The Commanding Heights: The Battle Between Government and the Mar-ketplace That Is Remaking the Modern World," is following suit.

The New York Times, leading a chorus of critical hosannas, described it as an "extraordinarily ambitious" and "brilliantly successful" history that reads "like a novel."

The book recounts the transformation over several years of a world in which governments played a leading role in running their economies to one in which free markets have taken over. It is also about the global demise in confidence in the welfare state and the widespread acceptability of the Thatcher-Reagan approach.

The book has emerged just as capitals from Washington to Jakarta have begun to discover they are not as central and powerful as they might once have thought — that in fact, the powers of presidents and parliaments are nothing compared with that wielded by vast sums of money swirling around the globe at the touch of a computer key.

Mr. Yergin was asked to a special "Thinker's Dinner" at the White House on the strength of "The Commanding Heights." It is already in its

By rights, then, the author should affect the lofty disdain of one of Washington's many kissmy-ring pooh-bahs, dropping names and cre-dentials like coins scattered to beggars. This is not the case.

"I'm really not very organized," he sort of apologizes, a slightly rumpled figure wandering jet-lagged through his seven-room suite of offices as if he might be lost. "Writing is just what I do to

With his steel-rim glasses, beatific smile and weedy hairline battling hard against recession. the 51-year-old mega-author-tycoon comes across like nothing so much as the genial professor who keeps misplacing the faculty lounge. His house in Washington is modest and un-remarkable, his study looks like the wreckage from a terrorist bombing and his efforts to explain his success keep wandering off into sunny vales of academic woolgathering.

HARLES DICKENS is a major hero. Mr. Yergin might be one of his creations. The extraordinary timing of his best-known books, he insists, is "entirely due to my inability to meet deadlines."

'If I had finished my books on time, they would have been too ahead of the news to attract notice," he says. "And they would probably have been quite different as well because books



My father never played catch with me, but he talked to me endlessly about writing. Maybe it all has something to do with that.'

lead me in all sorts of different directions. You know, you never really finish a book. The publisher just finally takes it away from you.'

Mr. Yergin's obsessive and endless rewriting, updating and general fiddling with manuscripts and galley proofs is so notorious that Simon & Schuster has banned him from badgering compositors and proofreaders. He has been known to sneak almost into the pressroom in an effort to retool just one more sentence. His publishers no longer tell him where his books are printed.

Not every businessman cares that much about language, particularly one who may be on the next plane to Abu Dhabi or Baku to counsel some finance minister. But then, not every businessman is an ex-police reporter's son from "the wrong side" of Beverly Hills.

"My father never played catch with me," Mr. Yergin explains. "But he talked to me endlessly about writing. Maybe it all has something to do

For a guy who travels 250,000 miles (400,000 kilometers) a year and spends half his time in some distant hotel room, Mr. Yergin appears remarkably omnipresent in Washington. If he's not speaking at a think tank or testifying on Capitol Hill, he's signing books or playing talking head. What sets him apart from the average author-consultant in town is his reputation for being able to see a bit farther over the global horizon. In the process, he glimpses meaningful and strategically useful patterns among the political events and data-blizzards of the day.

His books "reveal a remarkable degree of insight and freshness," says James Schlesinger, former head of the CIA and Energy and Defense Departments. "His approach is totally nonideological. His only substantive agenda is ana-

market as a tool, not as an

Mr. Yergin insists he is happiest when collapsed alone after midnight in his living room chair, writing his books in longhand. He normally rises at 7 A.M. or so, writes a few hours before heading to the office, works all day there, comes home about 7 P.M. for dinner and a brief nap, then awakens "in something of a dreamlike state" to write from 9:30 P.M. to 2 A.M. But that's when he is not on a plane.

"The most fascinating aspect of the business side of my life is that it's global," he sighs. "The pain is also that it's global." Asked how many days a year he is away from home and from writing, he laughs a little nervously. "I think I've nervously. "I think I've repressed that," he says. "But clean shirts are always a prob-

Commanding Heights" started out to be a 60,000-word essay on privatization. "I remember just when I started work on it," he says with a smile. He and his wife, Angela Stent, a Georgetown University professor. and their two children were on vacation in Jamaica with the usual family baggage of computers and research material. And I was the only person on the beach reading a biography of Clement Atlee.

Traveling the world, he had become intrigued with how many governments were following Britain's lead in shedding stateowned enterprises in order to make them more efficient and to gain the taxes they would pay as

But observation of the privatization phenomenon, he says, turned into a fascination with how and why it was happening at the same time in so many different ways in so many different

EFORE LONG, he says, he and his business partner and co-author, Joseph Stanislaw, realized that they were witnessing one of the watersheds of history - more significant than Europe's great revolutionary year of 1848.

Like a giant crustacean shedding the onceprotective carapace now restricting its growth, the world was sloughing off central economic controls it had worn in various forms for most of the 20th century. And it was rediscovering the dynamism - and the dangers - of the free mar-

In 1922, Lenin stated that any government must control "the commanding heights" - the most important elements of a state's economy. But now, all over the world, governments were agreeing that it was preposterous for the state to be running things like steel mills and telephone exchanges.

It was happening in Russia and in Bolivia. in Argentina and Ghana, in India and in the United States. Different people were leading the march in each country, although the footprints of the free-market economist Milton Friedman seemed to be everywhere.

It was a revolution born less of ideology than

lytical. He regards the free | of pragmatism. In places as different as China and Peru, people were finally admitting not only that the theories of Karl Marx did not work, but also that those of John Maynard Keynes, the most influential economist of the 20th century, had been overtaken by reality as well.

Although ideas were driving the global revolution, Mr. Yergin discovered, there were fascinating characters whipping the horses of change - Fernando Henrique Cardoso in Brazil, Deng Xiaoping of China, who had owned a bean curd shop while studying communism in Paris, and Yegor Gaidar, the Russian economist who would bring down the Soviet system his grandfather helped create.

Most of all there was Margaret Thatcher and her far less-known "minister of ideas," Keith Joseph, leading the rollback of a half-century of socialism in Britain, the homeland of Mr.

Keynes.

"When we started." Mr. Yergin says, "we had no real concept of how thoroughly Keynes and his advocacy of government spending had moved from the stage. It still rather amazes me."

Some historians see great events shaped by great personalities. Others see people dwarfed by massive impersonal forces of economics or

by massive impersonal forces of economics or class. Mr. Yergin sees both schools dwarfed by the power of ideas. But what his book captures best are the fascinating hinge points of history.

T PROBABLY really did all start with his father. The senior Yergin was a publicist for Warner Bros. and later editor of the Hollywood Reporter. If he was raised on newspaper stories, however, the young Yergin also learned that journalism didn't pay the bills.

"My mother was always anxious about money," he remembers. "My father was sort or like Mr. Micawber — there was always some great deal just around the corner." Money was always short, particularly in comparison with other families in "extremely southern" Beverly Hills, where the Yergins lived.

While he was raised as a "pretty typical American liberal" — at age 9 he organized a group called the Pint-Sized Democrats and remembers going out to cheer Adlai Stevenson -"I was always in some kind of business as

"I have always been fascinated by the human energy of capitalism," he says.

He went to Beverly Hills High "assuming I would one day become a journalist," and on to Yale in 1964 "because that was where I could get the most financial aid."

At Yale, he majored in English, wallowed in British writers and found joy in making his hero Dickens the centerpiece of a major research paper on the 19th-century English novel.

He also wrote for the Yale Daily News and created a publication called the New Joycean

started a publication called the New Journal. which was designed as a showcase of Tom Wolfe-style magazine writing.
"But in my junior year I took a course on

diplomatic history and wrote a really long research paper on the Spanish Civil War," Mr. Yergin remembers. "That convinced me I wanted to write a PhD in history. But I didn't want to go to any more classes.

So on a Marshall Scholarship, "I went to Cambridge where it was all tutors and inde-

His work at Yale with the New Journal had brought him to the attention of Clay Felker of New York magazine, and while in Cambridge Mr. Yergin was still pursuing a journalistic career, writing regularly for New York, the Atlantic, The New York Times Magazine, various British papers and the International Herald Tribune, particularly personality profiles that taught him "how to shape a story."

Accord Creates Panel to Judge Vaims From The Holocaust

By Henry Weinstein
Lus Angeles Times Service

LOS ANGELES - In a potentially significant breakthrough, leaders of major Jewish organizations, four European insurance companies and the California and New York insurance departments have agreed to establish an international commission to resolve claims lodged by Holocaust survivors and the heirs of people who were among the 6 million murdered in World War II-era geno-

The agreement is designed to resolve thousands of pending insurance claims expeditiously, according to the California insurance commissioner, Chuck Quackenbush, and the New York superintendent of insurance, Neil Levin.

"I am truly encouraged that we har been able to begin a process that will unite U.S. and European regulators and insurance companies to meet the common goal of assuring swift resolution of this issue and payments to claimants,' said Mr. Quackenbush, chairman of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Holocaust Asset Recovery

Subcommittee. Mr. Levin said the agreement provides the necessary framework to provide long overdue justice to Holocaust victims and their families" and added: "Some of these people have been

waiting to collect for over 50 years." The four companies that signed the agreement are Assicurazioni Generali of Italy, Allianz of Germany, AXA of France and Zurich of Switzerland

Israel Singer of the World Jewish Congress and Saul Kagan of the Claims Conference on Material Claims Again Germany, both members of the Wes Jewish Restitution Organization. reachable for comment.

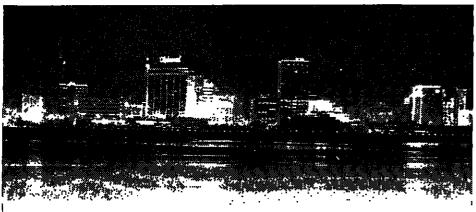
But Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, which also has been actively involved in the issue, said he was pleased with the announcement. He said the establishmen of the commission, which he referred to as "an independent third party." to eval-uate claims was a crucial positive de-

Still, he quickly added that there could be a "rocky road" in securing the agreement of other relevant insurance companies, particularly those in Czechoslovakia. Hungary and Poland.

The development comes on the heels of a similar announcement last month calling for the creation of commission on Holocaust-related Swiss bank claims.

Correction

Because of an editing error, an artick and caption in Thursday's editions misattributed a comment about the yen's impact on Taiwan. It was not Prime Minister Vincent Siew but Chiang Pin-kung, chairman of Taiwan's Council for Economic Planning and Development, who said that the falling yen might seriously harm Taiwan's econ-



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TRAVEL

All Nippon Strike Cancels 8 Flights

TOKYO (AFP) — All Nippon Airways Co. can-celed eight international flights Thursday on the fourth day of a pilots' strike, and a separate 24-hour stoppage hit the country's biggest carrier, Japan Air Lines.

All Nippon, the country's second-largest airline, grounded return trips connecting Tokyo with London, Paris and Singapore and a return trip between the western city of Osaka and Rome, affecting 1,400 passengers, officials

Paris-Boston Tie

BOSTON (AP) — Air France will fly between Boston and Paris seven days a week beginning June 19, un-der an agreement between the United States and France.

American Airlines now is the only carrier offering direct flights between the cities.

United Airlines announced that safety and ontime considerations are forcing them to crack down on carry-on scofflaws. (AP)

Paris police have warned motorists to avoid two Easter processions through the city Friday. (AFP)

WEATHER



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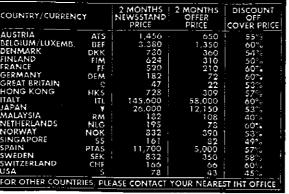
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Accord Create Panel to Judg Claims From The Holocaus

By Henry Weinstein

LOS ANGELES In a pocus significant breakthrough, leaders of significant breakthrough, leaders of jor Jewish organizations, four Europe insurance companies and the Calding and New York insurance departs have agreed to establish an international comprission to resolve claims look. nave agreed to establish an internal commission to resolve claims long. Holocaust survivors and the her people who were among the 6 mg murdered in World War II-era

The agreement is designed to the thousands of pending insurance of expeditionsly, according to the Care nia insurance commissioner Quackenbush, and the New York perintendent of insurance. Neille

I am truly encouraged that we'd been able to begin a process the unite U.S. and European regulator insurance companies to meet the mon goal of assuring swift resolute this issue and payments to claims said Mr. Quackenbush, chairman, National Association of Insurance missioners Holocaust Asset Rec Subcommittee.

Mr. Levin said the agree provides the necessary frameum provide long overdue justice in pleasant victims and their families added: "Some of these people have

waiting to collect for over 50 year The four companies that sign agreement are Assicurazioni Gene Italy, Allianz of Germany, Al France and Zurich of Switzerland

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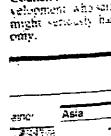
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THE AMERICAS

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Clinton and Congress To Call Tobacco's Bluff They Vow to Press Anti-Smoking Bill

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Influential lawmakers say they think the tobacco in-dustry is bluffing in its decision to stop

working for comprehensive legislation to regulate the industry, and President Bill Clinton and the congressional leaders say they will press ahead with the legislation.

The public demands action, with or without the industry's support, 'said Senator John McCain. Republican of Arizona, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee.

Mr. Clinton called the industry's po-sition "a big mistake" and said: "We're going to get this done. Now, they can be part of it or they can fight it.

The chairman of the RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp., Steven Goldstone, announced the new policy in a speech Wednesday, saying that his company would begin aggressively advertising cigarettes and defending its position in court. The three other big tobacco compa-

nies - Philip Morris Cos., Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., a subsidiary of BAT Industries, and Lorillard Tobacco, a subsidiary of the Loews Corp. — quickly issued statements sup-porting Mr. Goldstone's position. The industry asserts that legislation

approved last week by the Commerce Committee would drive companies into bankruptcy. The bill would not give the companies the protection they want from lawsuits based on smoking-related

Mr. Goldstone said in his luncheon speech, "There is no process which is even remotely likely to lead to an acceptable comprehensive solution this

year."
The dominant view in Congress is that the Senate bill is the baseline and that if a law is enacted, the changes i made in the legislative process ahead would probably make the measure even Mess favorable to the manufacturers.

One theory among legislators is that the industry had learned from the political failure of the June tobacco settlement that their endorsement of any measure amounted to a kiss of death. : They are such pariahs that few lawmakers can afford to be on their side.

But no one outside the industry can be sure what the announcement Wednesday means. The tobacco industry has dissembled so often in the past, about whether cigarettes cause diseases, about whether nicotine is addictive, about whether : they market their product to children, that people are never sure what to make of the companies' pronouncements.

Mr. Goldstone alluded to this in his

By Mitchell Martin International Herald Tribune

NEWARK, New Jersey - A Ro-

manian citizen living in the United

States admitted in court this week that

he was part of a ring that had stolen

he was trying to sell them in the United

Faith Hochberg, the U.S. attorney for

- religious artifacts from France and that

New Jersey, said that Sebastian Zegrean, a 23-year-old security guard

who lives in Reading, Pennsylvania, had tried to smuggle a reliquary that is said to contain a bone fragment of Saint Maxellendis, a 7th-century French mar-

tyr, along with two other artifacts into

value of about \$130,000, she said.

The three artifacts have an appraised

Ms. Hochberg quoted Mr. Zegrean as

saying that an accomplice, a Romanian,

was being held in France in connection with the investigation of the theft of the

relics, which were found to be missing

in December 1996 from the Saint Mar-

John Varrone, a Customs Service of-

ficial, said Mr. Zegrean had traveled to

France where he shipped the artifacts by

Federal Express to his Pennsylvania ad-

tin Church in Le Cateau, near Lille.

States, federal officials said.

• Romanian Confesses to Role

In a Religious Artifact Ring

speech Wednesday. "To be completely honest," he said, "those of us in the industry did not appreciate fully the depth of the mistrust and anger that existed about the industry's past controversies.

Mr. Clinton said Wednesday that the companies' actions would not prohibit Congress from passing legislation to reduce teenage smoking. But he also implored the companies to rethink their announcement.

But I hope that RJR will reconsider because obviously when it comes to advertising, for example, and restricting advertising aimed directly at children, it would be better if we had a common position," Mr. Clinton said. "I have been working for two years. I don't intend to stop now and I think we've got an excellent chance of passing a good piece of legislation to dramatically reduce smoking among young people and save lives. And I don't think there's much in it for RJR or anybody else to walk away, so I hope they will reconsider."

Despite the resolve in Congress and the White House to press ahead, the companies' decision to pull out creates complications.

Congress has the authority to take many of the legislative steps under consideration without the industry's permission. It can, for example, impose a tax to raise the price of eigarettes and give the Food and Drug Administration broad authority to regulate nicotine as a drug, it can also appropriate money for anti-smoking commercials and smoking-cessation programs.

But two main parts of the bill approved by Mr. McCain's committee are questionable constitutionally without the industry's cooperation. One would put strict limits on cigarette advertising. a possible breach of the First Amendment guarantee of free speech. The other would force the companies to pay penalties if youth smoking rates did not fall to specified levels, a potential violation of their due process rights.

Under the Senate bill, these problems would be overcome because the companies would voluntarily sign what is called a protocol agreeing to the marketing restrictions and the penalties. In exchange, the legislation would place an annual ceiling of \$6.5 billion on the amount the industry would have to pay in damage claims. This is where Mr. Goldstone backed

"The bill that Senator McCain has requires my signature," he asserted, 'and there is no chance in the world it's going to get my signature."

Ms. Hochberg said that Mr. Zegrean

had obtained the goods "on consign-

ment," intending to sell them on the

refused to provide details of how he

planned to dispose of them but she did

say he was cooperating with investi-

Mr. Varrone said that "gangs out of

Mr. Zegrean, who surrendered after

being contacted by customs officials, is

to be sentenced in July. He faces a

maximum of two years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on the U.S. charge of

making a false customs declaration, Ms.

returned to France, which considers them part of its patrimony.

Away From Politics

• The National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration is proposing

tougher language on rollover warning

labels that have been installed in sport-

• Warnings were posted in Stanford

University dining halls as health of-

ficials tried to determine how five stu-

dents and a professor were infected

with hepatitis A. The earliest case

turned up a month ago and the most recent was reported this week. (AP)

utility vehicles for 24 years.

She added the artifacts were to be

Hochberg said.

Eastern Europe" were contributing to a growing wave of thefts of religious art

'market in stolen art and relics." She



Earline Jackson of Sylvan Springs, Alabama, surveying her destroyed home on Thursday. Mrs. Jackson, her husband, brother-in-law and grandson took shelter in the cellar of the dwelling and survived the storm.

38 Die as Tornatoes Rip Across South

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama - At least 38 people were killed across the South as tornadoes ripped the region, officials said Thursday.

The Jefferson County sheriff, Jim Woodward, said 30 people died in a cluster of communities near Birmingham. Two other people died in adjoining St. Clair County.
At least 104 peole were injured, Gov-

ernor Fob James said. The search for victims and survivors will continue because some older res-

idents don't have family in the area and may not have been accounted for. Five others died in Georgia, including a soldier at Fort Stewart, and one in

Mr. James, at a news briefing Thursday morning, said that the death count morning dark in Rock Creek. Chain

had risen to 24 and that 104 people were saws buzzed as searchers desperately injured. At least 40 people were still hospitalized, several in critical condition. He said that 150 homes had been destroyed and that 300 more had sustained major damage from the tornado.

The powerful storm system sparked warnings an hour before sunset and then began a twisted, random trail of destruction across Alabama two hours later, at 8 P.M.

Homes of wood and brick in Rock Creek were reduced to their foundations, with household appliances scattered across yards and tree limbs and power lines across streets. The Rock Creek Church of God was

turned into a trauma center. In the glare of spotlights, bodies lying along the road could be seen in the early-

tried to get to homes cut off by felled trees, overturned cars and the bricks and timber of ruined buildings. One car rested atop the remnants of a gas station. An old school bus, converted into a camper, was upside down.

The storm system roared into Georgia early Thursday, with high winds and heavy rain and hail. Two people died in the Dunwoody area northeast of Atlanta, one when a tree fell on a house. Two hundred miles (300 kilometers) to the southeast, the death of a soldier was reported at Fort Stewart, and a woman and a 13-year-old girl were killed in a mobile home community just south of the base

Rich Olson, a Fort Stewart spokesman, said five people were injured on

Federal 'Land' Judges on Slippery Slope

They Head for Resorts and Conservatives' All-Paid Property Seminars

By Ruth Marcus Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Federal judges are attending expenses-paid, five-day seminars on property rights and the environment at Montana resorts, sessions underwritten by conservative toun tions that are funding a wave of litigation on those issues in federal courts.

Funding for the seminars, run by a group called the Foundation for Research on Economics and the Environment, or FREE, also comes from foundations run by companies with a significant interest in property rights and environmental law issues, Internal Revenue Service records show.

A 1996 letter to judges said the seminars "explore the role of property rights, incentives and voluntary cooperation in achieving environmental goals," and added: "Conference and travel expenses are paid and time is provided for cycling, fishing, golfing. hiking and horseback riding.

The seminars are held at the Gallatin Gateway Inn, a restored 1927 railroad hotel near Bozeman that has its own casting pond, and Elkhorn Ranch near Big Sky, described in its promotional material as a "traditional dude ranch" one mile from Yellowstone National Park, where "the comfortably rustic

• Two sailors have been discharged

from the navy and 12 others given

lighter punishments for balking at

mandatory shots designed to protect

them against a potential attack of an-

A jury awarded \$800,000 to a

former high school athlete and

\$150,000 to his coach in a libel lawsuit

they filed against The News & Ex-

aminer of Gallatin, Tennessee, and its owner, Gannett Co., which published a rights leader.

thrax in the Gulf.

guest cabins" are built from "hand-hewn native logs." Some judges bring spouses at their own expense and must pay for some of the activities, like golfing.
The chairman of FREE, John Baden,

said he would not release a list of judges who have attended the meetings. Some known," he said. A 1996 FREE list obtained by The Washington Post named 109 judges who have attended, and a listing of the four 1997 programs said one-third of the 900-member federal judiciary has attended or asked to enroll. Four more sessions, with 17 judges each, are scheduled for 1998.

Mr. Baden said he started the judicial seminars in 1992 because most federal judges lack a grounding in economic and environmental issues. "Federal judges are some of America's most important en-vironmental decision-makers," he said.

FREE says its seminars "are explicitly pro-environment." but also "explain why ecological values are not the only important values" and emphasize the importance of secure property rights and the market process in the efficient and sensitive use of natural resources."

Major sources of FREE attendees are the U.S. Court of Claims and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Financial disclosure forms on file with the Administrative Office of the U.S.

fabricated, sexually explicit quote

about the athlete as a joke. The re-porter, who was fired, said he had

inserted the quote as a joke for the sports editor, but the editor never saw

the quote and it was published. (AP)

Attorney General Janet Reno has

promised to review a request by the family of the Reverend Martin Luther

King Jr. for a new investigation into

the 1968 assassination of the civil

Courts and FREE's list show that 10 of the 24 judges on those courts have attended the seminars since they began.

These courts hear most property rights cases against the federal government. In recent years, they have been the focus of intense efforts by conservative legal groups and businesses to secure a broader interpretation of the constitution's "takings" clause, which provides that government cannot take private property without "just compensation."

Property-rights advocates and business groups have been pushing the idea that the takings clause should apply to any regulation that diminishes the value of private property, such as rent control ordinances, zoning regulations and environmental rules.

In a 1996 case, Preseault v. United States, the Federal Circuit expanded takings law when it ruled that a Vermont couple was entitled to compensation when an old railroad right-of-way on their property was converted into a recreational trail under the 1983 Rails-to-Trails Act — even though the property was already at risk of being used as a trail when they bought it,

Four of the six judges who ruled against the government in Preseault reported on their financial disclosure forms that they had attended FREE seminars, along with one of the three judges who came down on the government's side. The John M. Olin Foundation, which gives money to FREE to support the iudicial seminars, is also a financial backer of the New England Legal Foundation, which litigated the Preseault case. "I don't really see any conflict of interest there," said the executive director of the

Olin Foundation, James Piereson. Douglas Kendall of Community Rights Counsel, which helps local govemments defend their activities against efforts by property rights advocates and provided information about the FREE seminars to The Post, called them 'junkets for judges, sponsored by the same foundations that are bankrolling takings cases before the same judges.

Minnesota Senator

POLITICAL NOTES

Explores 2000 Bid

WASHINGTON — Senator Paul Wellstone, one of the most liberal Democrats in the Senate, has announced the formation of an exploratory committee to help him build support and pay for travel as he considers whether to run for his party's presidential nomination in 2000.

While Republicans and Democrats have established political action committees to help raise their profiles for 2000, Mr. Wellstone, who was elected to a second term from Minnesota in 1996, is the first to start a committee that is specifically committed to exploring

his presidential prospects.

For more than a year, Mr. Wellstone has traveled the country and made no secret of his desire to offer himself as a more progressive al-ternative to Vice President Al Gore and other expected candidates.

Should I decide to run for president, it will be a campaign infused with excitement, idealism, grassroots organizing and a serious effort to win." he said. "I believe that people want a president that will return power to them."

While his candidacy would be viewed as a long shot, Mr. Wellstone could emerge as an important force in the Democratic primaries because he commands respect and support of many liberals who are often active in primaries. (NYT)

Navy to Name Sub After Jimmy Carter

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Navy will name its third and last Seawolf class submarine for former President Jimmy Carter, who once served as a submarine officer.

Mr. Carter will attend a naming ceremony for the vessel at the Pentagon on April 27.
"President Carter's statesman-

ship, philanthropy and sense of hu-manity have made him one of the most influential Americans of the late 20th century," the navy said. The other Seawolf-class nuclearpowered submarines are the Sea-

wolf, commissioned in May 1997, and the Connecticut, launched in June 1997 and due for commissioning in August. The Jimmy Carter is to be commissioned in 2001. The submarines, 353 feet long

and displacing 9,150 tons, are equipped to carry Tomahawk cruise missiles, with nuclear warheads if required. (Reuters)

National Park Fees: Who Is Kept Away?

MISSOULA, Montana -- Officials at Glacier National Park in Montana recently reported that an experiment of collecting entry fees at the park's west gate on certain winter weekends generated \$3,645. A news release touted the program as a success.

At the same time, however, passengers in about 100 cars, maybe up to 250 people, refused to pay the fee and canceled their visits to the park. That worries Alan Watson, a social scientist with the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute, a federal center on the University of Montana campus in Missoula.

"Just to say we are successful by counting the revenue isn't enough," Mr. Watson said. "We have to ask if fees are exclusionary. Are they changing the mix of our visitors, somehow?"

Mr. Wason started in June 1997 to conduct a yearlong survey on the impact of fees on visitors to national parks and forests. He will send the findings to Congress later this year.

In December 1996, Congress allowed land management agencies to set up a three-year experimental fee system at more than 200 sites around the country. In some places, agencies raised existing fees, at others they collected first-time fees for boating, hiking, camping or scenic drives. The individual forests and parks

were allowed to keep 80 percent of the money to supplement the fund-ing of their backlog of repairs and maintenance.



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U.S. Drafting Plan to Arrest and Try Pol Pot With Thai Help

By Philip Shenon and Eric Schmitt New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton has ordered the Departments of Defense, State and Justice to devise plans for the arrest and trial of Pol Pot, the shadowy Khmer Rouge leader responsible for the death of perhaps a million Cambodians in the 1970s.

Clinton administration officials and Western diplomats said that the Khmer Rouge appeared to be near collapse as a result of mass defections and internal fighting. Mr. Pol Pot, who is now in his 70s and in poor health, and other Khmer Rouge leaders are said to be in hiding in the Cambodian jungle only a few miles across the border with Thailand.

The Thai government, diplomats said. has suggested it would be willing to take Mr. Pol Pot into custody as long as the United States agreed to spirit him out of Thailand within hours of his capture.

Senior U.S. military officials said that intelligence reports from Southeast Asia tually taken Mr. Pol Pot into custody late last week but then freed him.

The Thai military, the officials said, may have feared that his capture would antagonize China, long an ally of the Khmer Rouge, and would complicate the foreign policy of Thailand's recently installed government, which is already struggling with an economic crisis.

Spokesmen at the Thai Embassy in Washington had no comment. Other American officials described the intelligence reports as sketchy and said it would be unfair to criticize the Thai military on the basis of such fragmentary

While administration officials cautioned that there was no guarantee that the ailing Khmer Rouge leader would be apprehended, they said that recent developments along the border were so significant that Mr. Clinton issued a written order Monday to organize logistics for Mr. Pol Pot's capture and trial.

Under one plan being discussed within the administration, an American military

land to a third country, possibly the Netherlands, where international tribunals are prosecuting war crimes carried out in Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia.

A military official said the Pentagon had drawn up a list of interim sites where Mr. Pol Pot might be held until a location for the trial was selected. These include the Northern Marianas Islands and Wake Island — both U.S. territories in the Pacific — or the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay. Cuba.

'We've had many false alarms before with the Khmer Rouge, but this may be our best chance to get Pol Pot," said a Clinton administration official who is involved in the planning. "We're not going to be caught unprepared if he's made available to us.

Another American official said that if we don't get Pol Pot this time, he may die before we ever have the chance to bring him to justice."
The official said that despite the re-

ports of Mr. Pol Pot's capture and release by Thai soldiers last week, the civilian-

showed that the Thai military had ac- plane would take Mr. Pol Pot from Thai- led Thai government "is being cooperative - and their cooperation will be essential if we're to pull this off."

Under Mr. Clinton's order, officials said, the State Department has been directed to oversee negotiations with Thailand, the Netherlands and other countries that might be involved in the apprehension and trial. The Justice Department has been asked to review the legal authority that would be needed under international law for the United States to become involved in the detention of Mr. Pol Pot. Western diplomats said that prosecutors at the international tribunals in The Hague had already tentatively agreed to organize a trial for Mr. Pol Pot for crimes against humanity, as long as the UN Security Council empowers them

to oversee the prosecution. The diplomats said the United States. France and other countries had already begun drafting a Security Council res-olution to deal with such a trial.

From 1975 to 1979, Mr. Pol Pot turned Cambodia into a vast labor camp. Millions of Cambodians, especially city-

dwellers, were driven from their homes and forced to work in the fields under primitive conditions. Mr. Pol Pot labeled anyone with money or education an en-emy of the revolution, and much of the middle class was killed during his fouryear reign of terror or starved to death.

The Khmer Rouge was toppled by a Vietnamese invasion in 1979. It resumed its guerrilla struggle in the jungle, where its fighters have remained for two de-

The movement began to fall apart last year, when the followers of Mr. Pol Poi turned against him apparently over his decision to order the assassination of the Khmer Rouge defense chief. Son Sen, and

14 relatives, including his grandchildren.
After the killings, Mr. Pol Pot's former
comrades tried him and sentenced him to house arrest. He is reported to be under the control of his former top military commander. Ta Mok.

In interviews last year with an American reporter who observed portions of the trial. Mr. Pol Pot said that "My conscience is clear.

Cambodia Hails Plans for Trial

Allesians Takes

PHNOM PENH - Cambedia would welcome efforts by the United States and Thailand to bring the Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot to trial in an international court, a government spokesman said on Thursday.

"It's a bit late but we welcome this move." said the secretary of state for information. Khieu Kanharith. We've been waiting nearly 20 years for Pol Pot."

Mr. Khieu Kanharith said the government wanted to see Mr. Pol Pot face trial outside Cambodia and would welcome Thailand's help.

"We think an international trial would be better," he said. With all this political passion, everyone would try to politicize the Pol Pot case."

U.S. Envoy Will Deliver **Strict Warning to Kabul**

By Thomas W. Lippman

WASHINGTON - The U.S. chief delegate to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, will travel to Afghanistan as part of a five-nation tour of South Asia that begins Friday to deliver a stern message to the Taleban militia that it will never gain wide international recognition or aid so long as its repression of women continues, senior administration officials say.

Mr. Richardson will be the highestranking U.S. official to visit Kabul since a 1978 pro-Communist coup there plunged Afghanistan into 20 years of

war, which shows no sign of ending.

A senior State Department official said that Mr. Richardson would be speaking not just for the United States but for all the members of the "six plus two group of countries pressing for an end to the Afghan conflict. The two are the United States and Russia. The six are Afghanistan's neighbors, including Iran, which makes Afghanistan one of the few issues on which Washington and Tehran are cooperating diplomat-

Mr. Richardson also will visit India. Pakistan. Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, the official said, in anticipation of a South Asia trip by President Bill Clinton ex-

pected to take place later this year.

Mr. Richardson will be accompanied by Karl Inderfurth, assistant secretary of state for South Asian affairs, and Bruce Riedel, senior director for the Middle East and South Asia on the National Security Council staff.

The administration's record in trying to resolve the area's problems and conflicts is sporty at best. A denuclearization initiative presented to India and Pakistan by Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott failed, and a visit to the key countries by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was cut short by the crisis with Iraq. But a senior official said Mr. Clinton was "committed to greater engagement."

The Taleban, which controls about two-thirds of Afghanistan, has attracted notoriety for its brand of conservative Islam, in which women are largely prohibited from working and girls are denied education.

Neither the Taleban nor the rival militias that control the northern part of the country have shown much inclination to seek a negotiated solution, a senior State Department official said, but Mr. Richardson will argue to both groups

that they cannot prevail militarily.

Enough is enough, the official said.

He said that Mr. Richardson would make clear to the Taleban that its be-



BALANCING ACT — A soldier helping up his daughter Thursday on a visit to Tiananmen Square in Beijing.

havior and failure to respond to the international community were unac-ceptable and that it "will never receive recognition from the United States until broad-based government is established in Kabul.

In addition, the official said. Mr. Richardson will tell the Afghan factions

that aid will be limited and that economic opportunities, such as a proposed natural gas pipeline across Afghanistan to Pakistan, will not be forthcoming until the country is stabilized.

Iran is eager to see a settlement of the Afghan conflict because it has more than 1.4 million Afghan refugees, ac- dia.

cording to diplomatic analysts. Pakistan harbors 1.2 million Afghan refugees. In India and Pakistan, a senior official

said, the Richardson delegation will urge restraint in their arms race, aggravated recently when Pakistan tested a missile that could reach much of In-

Senate Defends **Land Rights** For Aborigines

CANBERRA - The Senate rallied to defend Aboriginal land rights Thursday, gutting the conservative government's legislation that would have limited their land claims.

For the second time since December, the Senate refused to go along with a bill that would have severely limited Aborigines' ability to stake land claims on the vast tracts of Australia that the government leases to ranchers, farmers and

Its amendments and their rejection later Thursday by the House of Representatives means Prime Minister Jo-Howard could call an early parliamentary election to try to resolve the impasse.

Although the Senate approved the law, it made it subject to the Racial Discrimination Act, which bans laws aimed at any particular race. A court challenge would almost certainly find the new law invalid. There are 386,000 Aborigines in the country's mostly white population of more than 18 million.

The Senate also preserved the legal right of Aborigines to negotiate with mining companies that want to establish new projects on ranch land.

Mr. Howard argues that this right

unduly delays mining developments that are critical to the Australian economy. The final vote on the bill was 58 to 59.

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Communists Are 'Defeating the West'

Wei Jingsheng. China's most prominent human rights campaigner, was sent into exile in the United States after President Jiang Zemin's state visit to Washington in November, Mr. Wei arrived in Geneva this week to address the annual session of the UN Commission on Human Rights, and he discussed the rights issue with Robert Kroon for the International Herald Tribune.

Q. For the first time since the Tianan-men massacre of 1989, the U.S. and the European Union will not press for a resolution against China in the Human Rights Commission, on the ground that Beijing has signed several human rights conventions and that quiet diplomacy may be more effective than coercive resolutions. Do you think this is the right

A. No. If anything, the situation is getting worse and will deteriorate even further if outside pressure on the Chinese Communists is lifted. Western powers are wrong in saying there are other means than critical resolutions to get the regime to mend its ways. They don't see that the Communist

Party leaders may sign conventions, but have no intention of applying the rules. Western statements in the Human Rights Commission have been very weak this year. They seem to be scared of Beijing. The Chinese leaders are extremely smart. For the first time in 80 years of world communism, a Communist Party is defeating the West.

Q. The Chinese delegate at the com-

mission. Wu Jianmin, has dismissed your appearance here, saying you are

Q & A / Wei Jingsheng

just one of a handful of dissidents who have no impact on the opinion of 1.2 billion Chinese people. Are you fighting a losing battle?

A. If the party thinks 1 am so insignificant, why did they keep me in jail for 18 years? The Chinese people know

me and respect me and that even goes for some of my prison guards, who became good friends. Q. It is a widely held view that the lure of lucrative business deals is over-

riding human rights considerations in the West's current attitude toward China. Do you agree? A. Certainly. Karl Marx was not en-

tirely wrong in saying that Western democracies are fake democracies that are driven by economic forces. Even in the United States, the government speaks for the business community.

Deng Xiaoping did one good thing, when he relaxed the party's stranglehold on the economy. But in creating a new capitalist lobby he cleared the way for widespread corruption and other bad things. He never resolved the conflict between the party and the people. If you read Deng's writings it is clear that he was dead set against any political re-

Q. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, has been invited for an official visit to China. Isn't that a sign that Beijing is takes, especially on China.

trying to meet the international community's concerns about China's rights record?

A. I had a good meeting with Mrs. Robinson in Geneva, but I have my doubts about what she can accomplish in China, especially if she is swept up is this general Western retreat. But if she really worries about the people's rights and is not afraid to speak up and offend the party leaders, that would be the right approach.

Q. What are your views on the Taiwan problem?

A. That is a very complex issen Taiwan is intimately linked with Chinese politics. Some Taiwanese politicians are charting a wrong course by militating for independence from China. Their actions may give Beijing an excuse for military intervention, especially now that the West is letting down its guard.

Q. After having been silenced for so many years, how do you feel about freedom of expression in the West, notably in the United States, where President Clinton's private life is getting so much critical media attention?

A. I think there are ulterior motives at work, when so much focus is put on something totally irrelevant. But perhaps President Clinton can thank by girlfriends for helping him to deflect attention from his foreign policy mis-

BRIEFLY

UN Urges Food Aid for Jakarta

ROME - Indonesia will face a record food deficit this year as a result of lower harvests and a financial crisis that has raised the cost of imports, two United Nations food agencies said Thursday.

In a joint report, the Food and Agriculture Organization

and the World Food Program said large-scale international assistance would be needed to meet a shortfall in rice, the country's main staple food.

Steep food price increases and rapidly growing un-employment were adding large numbers of people to those already living below the poverty line, the report by the two Rome-based organizations said.

The report was based on findings of an 11-member mission from the two agencies which visited the country from March 9 to April 1. (Reuters)

Cambodia About-Face on Rally

PHNOM PENH --- The Interior Ministry withdrew permission Thursday for a demonstration calling for Cambodia's royal family to be barred from politics. "Any demonstration will be illegal," said an Interior

Ministry spokesman, Khieu Sopheak. The demonstration had been planned for Friday a day ahead of the return of King Norodom Sihanouk from

medical treatment in China, and was clearly aimed at his son, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, who was deposed as coprime minister in a coup last year. It is unclear why the approval was withdrawn.

Child-Labor March in India

NEW DELHI - Children who once worked in sweatshops from Cambodia to Nepal were welcomed by hundreds of other children in the Indian capital Thursday on a march through Asia to muster public opinion against child

Riding in turns on three elephants, 37 former child laborers from different Asian countries led a procession through busy traffic to converge near New Delhi's central business district.

India has the world's largest number of working children. Estimates vary from 50 million to 100 million. Worldwide, there are as many as 250 million workers aged 5 to 14, campaigners say.

Candidates for Hong Kong's first elected legislature under Chinese rule began registering Thursday. Candidates have until April 24 to submit their names to the government for the May 24 election to the 60-seat body.

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minernational count of the By Daniel Williams Haskinger Parker. MOSCOW - Thousands of Rusan international count 4 gr ernment spokesman sal. sians demonstrated Thursday to protest unemployment, delays in wage payments and the government's general economic policy. But since there is no It's a but late but we to government, it was for the demonstracome this move out we reserved to Mille for the

fors to know whom to blame for what. It has been two and a half weeks since President Boris Yeltsin dismissed Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and his cabinet. He soon nominated a replacement, Sergei Kiriyenko, a young former oil company manager and energy minister, but Parliament has balked at confirming him.

So the protest marches, planned long before the government crisis, were firing verbal bullets at a moving target. First, we have no pay; now we don't even have leaders to blame. said Olga Borisova, a nurse from Tver. "They leave us with nothing."

The demonstrations followed the pale spring sun across Russia. They began in Vladivostok in the Far East. eight time zones away, and continued phrough Siberia into Western Russia as the day progressed. Organizers had hoped for a turnout of up to 20 million. but provincial reports said that many workers ignored the call for a daylong strike and that participation was in the hundreds of thousands. Coal mines in Siberia's Kuzbass region, where wages to state workers are routinely delayed. were open for digging.

Unlike the last two years, when similar protests took place, this one was missing a central villain, played by Anatoli Chubais. Mr. Chubais was once finance minister as well as Mr. Yeltsin's chief economic adviser and no demonstration was complete without posters calling on him to step down. This time, he was already ousted, in the March purge.

Marchers carried the red banner of the Communist Party, different-hued flags of other parties and trade unions. In Moscow, Communist chanters blended calls for jobs with demands for the restoration of the Soviet Union. There was an occasional banner demanding Mr. Yeltsin's resignation.

The government shake-up seemed to take passion out of the protests. Even organizers were inclined to give Mr. Kiriyenko a chance, "Kiriyenko has given us hope," said Alexei Surikov, an official from the Federation of Independent Trade Unions. "He is prepared to find a way to pay off wages."

Mr. Kiriyenko mei with organizers,

expressed sympathy with their plight and promised to pay back wages. On Friday, after a week's delay, the lower house of Parliament, the Duma, is scheduled to take a vote on his nomination. Almost no one is betting he will be confirmed. "I give it 10 percent," said Sergei Markov, a political analyst.

The majority in the Duma, including the Communist, Agrarian and liberal Yabloko parties, all oppose the nomination. The Communists and the Agrarians are demanding seats in the cabinet and money for pet projects. Yabloko wants key economic posts to carry out economic reform. Only the blustery but compliant Liberal Democratic party, headed by the extreme nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky, has come out in support of Mr. Kiriyenko. Mr. Zhirinovsky said he was expecting a cabinet seat for one of the members of his party in return.

'It's not because deputies don't like Kiriyenko's candidacy, 'said Alexan-der Kotenkov, Mr. Yeltsin's parliamentary liaison official. "It's simply that political trading will take place."

If the Durna rejects Mr. Kiriyenko on Friday, Mr. Yeltsin can renominate him twice more. If the Duma keeps rejecting Mr. Kiriyenko, the president can call parliamentary elections.

The delay has paralyzed Russia's never-very-nimble bureaucracy. Trying to get business done is virtually impossible, Russian officials say. At least momentarily, the confirmation delay aggravates late payments of pensions and government wages.

Anatoli Lisitsyn, governor of the Yaroslav regional government, was in Moscow on Thursday trying to get the Finance Ministry to transfer \$2 million in March payroll due state workers and checks for pensioners in his province. He went away empty-handed.

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novelist and literary critic, died March

17 in Paris, where he made his home. He

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Mr. Bosquet served with the Belgian,

Jay Smith, a friend and a former poet

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tually wound up in occupied Berlin. He

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Alain Bosquet, a prolific French poet,

Alain Bosquet, French Poet,

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Mr. Yeltsin conferring with acting Prime Minister Kiriyenko about Friday's confirmation vote in the Duma.

Russia, in a Huff, Cuts Oil Exports Via Latvia

MOSCOW - Russia announced Thursday that it was cutting oil exports through Latvia as a result of its anger over treatment of its Russian-speaking minority, but said there were no plans for wider sanctions against the former

Soviet Baltic state. Andrei Pershin, spokesman for acting First Deputy Prime Minister Boris Nemtsov, said oil exports through Latvia's Ventspils export terminal

second quarter of this year.

"The order came from the president," he said. "In Latvia they are violating the rights of the Russianspeaking population." 'Official representatives are not us-

ing the term economic sanctions," said the Foreign Ministry spokesman. Valeri Nesterushkin. "We are talking about a possible restructuring of our trade and economic contacts.

izenship laws that have left the Russianspeaking minority, more than a quarter of the Baltic state's population, effectively stateless.

No sooner had he donned the mantle

of mayor than he was embarrassed by

revelations that his children lived in ciry-

owned housing while collecting rent on

personal apartments. He was later

named in an investigation into a slush

fund involving the RPR and City Hall.

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Russia wants Latvia to modify cit-

Mr. Nesterushkin said that Russia considered the economic pressure as a political signal. "It's up to Riga to realize to what extent this signal is understood in Riga, and to what extent it should be taken into account." he

Bonn Sister Parties Unite on Platform

BRIEFLY

BONN - Chancellor Helmut Kohl and an allied Bavarian party declared a truce Thursday in a quarrel over energy taxes that was becoming a

major election-year embarrassment. Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) made the announcement only hours after fresh sniping by the Bayaria-based Christian Social Union (CSU) against a proposed platform plank calling for a European tax on nonrenewable energy,

"CDU and CSU are in absolute agreement about the drafting of a common campaign platform, the statement said. "Talks will start im-

mediately after the Easter holidays."
The CSU's general-secretary,
Bernd Protzner, earlier Thursday
lashed our at criticism by Wolfgang Schaeuble, the chief drafter of the Christian Democrats' platform and the party's parliamentary leader, Mr. Schaeuble had said that "foolish criticism" of his energy-tax idea was hurting the ruling coalition's re-election chances.

Mr. Proizner said Mr. Schaeuble was going too far to try to snare ecologically minded voters. He said the two sister parties must unite behind a platform "that clearly distinguish them from the lunatic and utopian ideas" he said were being promoted by the opposition Social Democrats and Greens. (AP)

French Airbus Pilot Gets Stiffer Sentence

COLMAR, France - A French appeals court stiffened a sentence on Thursday against a former Air France pilot over the crash of an Airbus airliner at a 1988 air show, jailing him for 10 months with an additional 10 months suspended.

The court in the eastern town of Colmar found Michel Asseline guilty of manslaughter and causing bodily harm. Three of the 130 people on board died in the crash as the A320 operated by Air France plowed into a forest and burst into flames after a low pass over an airfield at Habsheim near the eastern city of Mulhouse.

The verdict confirmed a lower court ruling blaming the accident on human error and vindicating Airbus Industrie, the plane's maker. Mr. Asseline had been sentenced to six months in fail with an additional 12 months suspended in the lower court. Mr. Asseline has blamed the cock-

pit computer displays and charged that the flight recorders had been tampered with. He said Thursday that he would appeal to the Cour de Cassation, which rules only on legal technicalities and will not look into the (Reuters) crash again.

Greek Leftist Group Claims Bank Attack

ATHENS - Greece's deadliest terrorist group took responsibility Thursday for a spate of attacks against American targets, including an antitank rocket blast at a Citibank branch on Wednesday. November 17, whose 21 victims

since 1975 include the CIA station chief and three other Americans, said the campaign was "aimed against imperialism-national-American

The wave of attacks has coincided with the high-profile activities of the new American ambassador in Athens. Nicholas Burns, who has spoken out about the need for Greece to crack down on terrorism.

Someone might disagree with this form of struggle, might consider terrorism, might doubt its effectiveness, but he can't deny the fact of this struggle," said a statement from the leftist group published in the daily newspaper Eleitherotypia.

Kocharyan Becomes Armenian President

YEREVAN, Armenia - Robert Kocharyan, a liberal on reforms but tough in his country's dispute with Azerbaijan, was sworn in Thursday as Armenia's president and vowed to revive the shattered economy.

Mr. Kocharyan, 43, who had been the prime minister, took office 10 days after winning a runoff election against Karen Demirchvan, Armenia's Soviet-era Communist leader.

I swear to guarantee the independence, territorial integrity and security of my country. he said, swearing on the Bible and the country's constitution before being blessed by the head of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Garegin I. Mr. Kocharyan, who won praise

from the West for fighting corruption and backing radical economic reforms during a year as prime minister. promised to revive the economy. which has suffered from the breakup of the Soviet Union and the simmering dispute with Azerbaijan over Nagomo-Karabakh.

Political Split Paralyzes Paris City Hall Gaullist Rally for the Republic and won by many of his allies for the fall in

PARIS - Paris City Hall, the capital's biggest employer, was in paralysis Thursday as a weeklong banle raged among rightists to unseat the corruption-tainted mayor, Jean Tiberi.

As the rightist coalition in charge of France's premier city government for 20 years flew apart in the struggle for power. Socialist councilors leaped in to demand the dissolution of the municipal board to pave the way for a snap election. 'Universal suffrage is the only real-

istic solution possible to the unprecedented crisis striking at the heart of the city's institutions," said Senator Bernard Delanoe, who heads the Socialist group on the city council. A dissolution would have to be

signed by President Jacques Chirac, who handed the mayorship to Mr. Tiberi after winning office in 1995. It was during his 18-year term at the

helm of City Hall, a giant enterprise that employs 40,000 people and has a budget of 35 billion francs (almost \$6 billion). that Mr. Chirac bolstered his neothe popularity that propelled him into the presidency.

But it was one of his most faithful aides, former Justice Minister Jacques Toubon, who launched a "palace coup" against Mr. Tiberi on Monday by drawing a third of his supporters into a new conservative group to be called PARIS, an acronym for Paris, Audacity, Renewal, Initiative, Solidarity.

"I am the mayor and will remain so." Mr. Tiberi, 62, retorted. 'I'll personally see to it that Monsieur Toubon never becomes mayor of Paris.

Neither of the two groups now has a working majority, leaving the Socialists as the biggest group on the city council. Mr. Tiberi is proposing new talks for a "reconciliation" after Easter. In the meantime, business has ground to a

On the basis of last month's regional elections, if a snap poll were held today. the right would lose control of the city by losing four more districts to the left. Mr. Tiberi's three-year-term is blamed

Swiss Hold German Official

spying on the Church of Scientology in Switzerland, the federal prosecutor's office said Thursday.

public, a German state office apologized for an "unintentional violation" of Swiss sovereignty.

The German official, an employee of the Baden-Wuerttemberg Office for the Protection of the Constitution, was try-ing to persuade a Swiss Socialist politi-

NEW YORK (NYT) -- Frank Lloyd.

86, the Vienna-born entrepreneur who built the Marlborough Gallery into the

wealthiest, most important art gallery

business in the world and then sullied

his reputation with his criminal role in

the Rothko art scandal of the 1970s, died

Tuesday at his home in Nassau, the

His New York gallery opened in 1963

and represented the most important Ab-

stract Expressionists, including David

Smith, Robert Motherwell, Mark Rothko, Philip Guston, and Adolph

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New York Art Dealer

cian to collect information on the group. a spokesman for the Swiss Federal Pros-

restaurant in Basel, where he had met with the politician and a woman from Zurich. None of the people involved have been publicly identified.

leased after questioning, said she had warned the German official that he was breaking the law, according to the spokesman. She had been in contact with the police before the meeting.

or Ministry in Stuttgart said the official had "clearly exceeded his authority." The Constitutional Protection Office's regional president has apologized in writing to Urs von Daeniken, the chief

the statement added. Links between Scientology missions in Freiburg, Germany and nearby Basel were being investigated, it said.

entology under surveillance by the Constitutional Protection Office, a domestic security agency best known for tracking political extremists, alleging that the group's beliefs and aims were antidemocratic. The German government also contends that Scientology is a forprofit organization that aims to bilk its members.

breaking Swiss law by carrying out "illegal business for a foreign state." working for a political information service and falsifying identification documents, according to the Swiss prosecutor's office. A judge in Bern ordered him held Tuesday.

The woman from Zurich, who is be-

as by barring them from public jobs.



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Over Scientology Surveillance ZURICH - Authorities have detained a German official on suspicion of ecutor's Office said. He was arrested Monday as he left a

As details of the incident became

The Swiss politician, who was re-

The Baden-Wuerttemberg state Interi-

of the Swiss federal police, it added. It was unclear why the meeting took place in Basel rather than in Germany,

Last June, German officials put Sci-

The German official is suspected of

stage theatrics as lead singer of the punk band The Plasmatics included lieved to have been in contact with the blowing up equipment and chain-saw-German department for several months, ing guitars, has committed suicide is also under investigation, the office's near her home in Storrs, Connecticut. spokesman said, and her house was searched Tuesday, but she has not been where her body was discovered in detained. The Scientologists, who claim 8 million members worldwide, have mounted an advertising campaign de-Yves Mourousi, 55, former televinouncing Germany for alleged discrimsion anchorman and chief organizer of ination against its 30,000 members, such the millennium celebrations for Paris, of

INTERNATIONAL

An Ornithologist's Dream: Birds Can Help the Middle East Nest Iran Leader

By Doug Struck

LATRUN, Israel — The graceful storks sense the wind and tip their wings to spiral in a subtle swirl of air. Up, up, slowly to 3,000 feet. With but a flick of a wingtip, they exit the updraft like a ballerina spun away from her partner and glide northward toward Europe.

"Look, there!" exclaimed Yossi Leshem, at 50 as excited as a child. "There is another group. And behind .them another."

- The specks in the distance form an aerial march. As far as one can see from this hilltop in central Israel, storks are gliding and rising, using thermals to catapult their slow migration across thousands of miles. And they all cross here.

Israel is the central bus station for bird migration. Incredibly, 500 million birds pass through or over this narrow country — storks and eagles and pelicans shuttling twice a year between Europe and Asia or Africa; songbirds wintering in the milder climate here or

- World Court

Seeks to Bar

U.S. Execution

THE HAGUE - Intervening in a

death penalty case for the first time, the

World Court demanded a stay on Thurs-

day in the scheduled execution next

week of a Paraguayan man in Virginia.
It was unclear what effect, if any, the ruling would have in Virginia, which condemned Angel Francisco Breard,

30, for the murder and attempted rape of

tions' highest judicial body, has no en-

forcement powers and relies on coun-

tries to comply voluntarily with its

decisions. Its final decision could take

years, though the 15-judge court prom-

to take all measures at its disposal to

ensure that Angel Francisco Breard is

not executed pending the final decision of the court," the judges said in a unan-

The court noted that its decision did

not "concern the entitlement of the fed-

eral states within the United States to

resort to the death penalty for the most

Paraguay had fought for the stay of

execution, contending that Mr. Breard

was not informed of his right to consular

assistance after his arrest, as required by

Paraguay has said that if Mr. Breard

had been able to seek advice from con-

sular officials, he likely would have

pleaded guilty in a pretrial plea bargain

Breard was never offered a plea bargain.

The United States also says that it has no

dispute with Paraguay over the Vienna

Convention and that the World Court

therefore has no jurisdiction in the case.

has said he will follow U.S. court de-

cisions. Mr. Breard has a clemency ap-

peal pending before the Supreme Court.

Governor Jim Gilmore of Virginia

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a woman in Arlington in 1992.

moving farther south. "Israel is at the intersection of three

continents," Mr. Lesham said. "For politics, it's a disaster. But for birdwatching, it's a Garden of Eden. Mr. Leshem, an ornithologist, hopes

to use this pivotal location to advance goodwill in the Middle East, as well as to learn more about the 530 species of birds known to pass through here. He is setting up a program that will link Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian students through the Internet in an effort to track and observe the migrating birds.

"The governments are stuck, but we are dealing with people," Mr. Leshem said. "Kids will start to talk through the computer about the birds, and then they go out together in the field, and pretty soon we will see how nice they are, and they will see how nice we are."

To emphasize his point, Mr. Leshem named the project "Birds Know No Boundaries," and he has won a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development to promote the endeavor.

Imad Atrash shares Mr. Leshem's enthusiasm for the good-neighborly potential of bird-watching. In a bare schoolroom, the teacher is setting up what he calls the "first environmental center in Palestine.'

He plans to expand the collection of several hundred stuffed birds collected by British birders around 1910. He is planning field-trip exchange programs and environmental summer camps with Israeli schools, a bird-banding program to mirror an Israeli one in Jerusalem, and he is readying his classroom for a dozen computers to be purchased through the U.S. grant.

The computers will be used to track the location of 65 migrating storks, 30 eagles and several pelicans captured in Europe and Israel and fitted with tiny solar-powered transmitters. The position of the storks is relayed by satellite

every 90 minutes. In Mr. Atrash's program, Mr. Leshem sees a mirror of the first birdwatching club in Jerusalem, which he

came head of the Society for the Pro-tection of Nature in Israel, got his doctorate in zoology and now teaches at Tel

Aviv University.

He has put his zeal for birding to practical use, Israel's narrow airspace is crowded with birds during peak migration seasons, and a big bird struck by high-speed jet or ingested into its engine can have fatal results. The Israeli Air Force lost seven planes in 10 years

In 1983, Mr. Leshem was called after a fighter jet was "downed" by a migrating honey buzzard. The pilot, struck unconscious as the bird smashed through his window, was saved, legend has it, when the feathery corpse tripped his seat-ejection lever. Mr. Leshem proposed to the skeptical military what seemed like a simple idea: Find out where the birds are and don't fly there.

To do the first, he posted volunteer bird-watchers every mile along a 40-mile (64-kilometer) line stretching across the country to count and track the

In the Palestinian village of Beit Jalla, started 17 years ago. He eventually be-birds. He launched an unmanned air drone to videotape the birds. He climbed into a motorized light aircraft and spent 1,400 hours flying with the stocks, wheeling and dodging with the big birds to try to understand their flight patterns.

And he enlisted a former Soviet general who had immigrated to Israel and who used to oversee a line of 45 weather radar sites. The general, Leonid Dinevitch, returned to cash-strapped Russia five years ago and picked up a 51.5 million weather radar station for \$20,000. Mr. Dinevitch now sits in a darkened radar but on top of the Latrun hilltop, picking out among the green blips

the miles-long lines of migrating stocks. Mr. Leshem says the effort has cut the number of bird-plane collisions by 88 percent since 1984. But it has not been a total success; behind his radar hut, a couple of big barrels hold all that re-mains of an F-15 fighter jet that was brought down by birds in 1995.

'I think we've made the pilots a lot more aware that we share the air," Mr.

Mexican Police Raid

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AS, Mexico — About 1,500 heavily armed soldiers and policemen carried

out a raid in a neighborhood in southern Chiapas state in a search for guns and

Three men were arrested on outstand-

ing warrants for weapons trafficking

and kidnapping during the raid Wednesday on the Hormiga neighborhood in

San Cristobal's mayor, Rolando Vil-

lafuerte, said the purpose of the raid was

to "cut off the harmful trade in

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prosecutor for the region, said that only

But Miguel Angel Yanez, assistant

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Hamas Aide Arrested powers of the Constitutional Court, the decree says. (AFP) In Palestinian Split

GAZA CITY — The Gaza leader of the militant group Hamas was detained Thursday by the Palestinian police hours after the group issued a leaflet calling for the resignation of several officials in Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

The arrest was a signal of growing tensions between the authority and Hamas after the death last month of a chief Hamas bomb-maker.

The Palestinian police chief, Ghazi Jibali, said that Abdel Aziz Rantisi of Hamas was being held.

A leaflet issued by Hamas on Thursday accused the authority of collab-orating with Israel in Muhyiaddin Sharif's death and called for the resignation of several Palestinian leaders including the West Bank security chief,

An investigation by the Palestinian Authority of the March 29 death found that Mr. Sharif had not been killed by that Mr. Shain has not the Israelis but was a victim of a power

Bolivian Deadlock LA PAZ, Bolivia - Unions have

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broken off negotiations to end a general strike in which seven people have died. The unions said government nego-

tiators had refused to accept the presence of Evo Morales, leader of Bolivia's peasant coca leaf growers, at the negotiating table.

Intervenes in Mayor's Case

The Associated Press

TEHRAN — Iran's supreme leader stepped in to quell a growing power struggle among cierical rulers over the arrest of Tehran's mayor that threatened to spill into the streets on Thursday.

The arrest Saturday of Mayor Gholam-Hossein Karbaschi, 44, in an embezzlement case that supporters had blamed on political opponents highlighted the feuding between moderates and hard-liners over the course of the country nearly 20 years after the Islamic revolution.

The rare public show of disunity apparently prompted Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei to act, underlining the urgency of the situation.

He summoned the heads of the government's branches Wednesday night to "exchange views on the issue of the mayor of Tehran." the official Islamic Republic News Agency said Thursday.

The government leaders in-President Mohammed cinded President former Khatami. Hashemi Rafsanjani, head of the powerful Expediency Council that sets government policy, Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri, the speaker of Par-liament, and Ayatoliah Mohammed Yazdi, the chief justice.

Mr. Khatami and Mr. Rafsanjani are moderates. Mr. Nateq-Nouri, who was defeated by Mr. Khatami in a presidential election in May, and Âyatollah Yazdi follow hard-

line policies.

Ayatollah Khamenei, also considered a hard-liner, seemed to be trying to arbitrate the dispute.

In a statement issued by his office and carried by the news agency, Ayatollah Khamenei instructed the president and chief justice to "coordinate fully" on the matter and "to fully observe laws of the nation and justice."

He demanded the two sides report to him on developments relating to the case against the mayor.

The meeting followed a public and heated confrontation over Mr. Karbaschi's arrest, which posed Mr. Khatami with the most serious challenge since he took office in August

As political tension escalated. Mr. Karbaschi spent his fourth night in Tehran's Evin prison.

Israeli guards leading two Hamas militants on Thursday. In an unprecedented step, a military court charged the two with being responsible for the deaths of five suicide bombers as well as their 21 Israeli victims.

Moi Urges Separation of Tutsi and Hutu

NAIROBI -- President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya suggested Thursday that the Tutsi of Rwanda and Burundi should live in one country and the Hutu in vious ethnic conflict - and Hutu

He linked the suggestion to a warning that tribalism could destroy Africa, the agency said.

Mr. Moi's proposal brought into the open an idea that has long been discussed behind closed doors, but rejected because of the implications it would have for other African countries where boundaries run through tribal groupings, analysts said.

In Rwanda, Hutu extremists slaughtered up to a million Tutsi and moderate Hutu in the genocidal civil war in 1994 — a continuation of preanother, the official Kenya News guerrillas are clashing with the new ateo army

areas. In neighboring Burundi, where the regime and the army are also dominated by the minority Tutsi, a civil war which exploded in late 1993 has left an estimated 200,000 dead.

President Moi said that unless Africans were careful; tribalism will destroy the continent completely," the news agency said.

LAGOS — Nigeria's military gov-ernment has established a Constitution-

al Court as part of its phased program to hand over power to a civilian govern-ment in October, the Justice Ministry announced Thursday.

The court will arbitrate electoral dis-

Nigeria Adds a Court

putes and interpret and enforce a new constitution, the ministry said. It added that a decree establishing the

court was signed into law last month by Nigeria's military leader, General Sani He has pledged to hand over power to

a civilian government on Oct. I after a civilian president is elected in a vote set for Aug. 1. According to the decree, the head of

state will appoint judges to the Constitutional Court on recommendations made by the Advisory Judicial Com-

Until they are appointed, the Court of Appeal will exercise the jurisdiction and

Death Threat on French Justice Minister

AJACCIO, Corsica — The French justice minister and the government representative in Corsica, whose predecessor was shot and killed two months ago, have received death threats from suspected separatists, a prominent French newspaper reported Thursday.

The daily Le Monde said that the letter on April 2 saying he would suffer the fate of his predecessor, Claude Erignac, who was killed as he walked to a

concert in the capital, Ajaccio. Mr. Bonnet "already knows what weapon will kill him," the daily quoted the letter as saying. It said the letter had Erignac was killed.

been mailed from Marseille. Mr. Erignac was shot with one of two pistols stolen from gendarmes in Corsica. The other pistol has not been recovered. Le Monde said that Justice Minister

Elisabeth Guigou had received a death inreat on April 3, mailed from Paris. referring to the threat against Mr. Bonnet. No comment was immediately prefect, Bernard Bonnet, had received a available from the Justice Ministry.

Mr. Bonnet made no mention of specific threats in an interview with the daily Le Parisien, published Thursday. But he said that he was well protected and that threats would not stop a crackdown that has been under way since Mr.

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politics, and it is now being used by clerical ideologues to undermine President Mohammed Khatami.

The detention and interrogation of Tehran's mayor, Gholam-Hossein Karbaschi, is their way of attacking Mr. Khatami and his effort to ease repression at home and to improve relations with America. The campaign reflects the broader struggle between a people weary of rigid Islamic fundamentalist rule and a clerical leadership unwilling to yield power.

Mr. Karbaschi, who has been mayor since 1989, is a political force in his own right whose support helped Mr. Khatami win last year's presidential election. Judicial investigators accountable to Mr. Khatami's chief rival, Ayatollah Sayed Ali Kharnenei, are now prosecuting Mr. Karbaschi on charges of municipal corruption. Since his arrest last Saturday he has been subjected to

lengthy and grueling interrogation. Whatever the merits of the allegations, the timing of his arrest is directly related to the power struggle between Mr. Khatami and Ayatollah Khamenei, Iran's supreme spiritual leader. Mr.

popular support, has been expanding the boundaries of presidential authority, and the religious leadership under Ayatollah

This conciliatory line makes sense for Iran right now. With oil prices depressed. Tehran needs to attract outside investment, which it could obtain on better terms if Washington could be induced to drop its hostility

But for many militant clerics, ma-

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just the older Boeing 747s.

The board's recommendations are purely advisory. But its underlying message was unmistakable. Boeing's nonbinding "service bulletins" to airline operators that fly Boeing jets did not provide sufficient technical guidance to locate wiring damage similar to the kind found during the Flight 800 accident inquiry, and should be supplanted with mandatory FAA directives.

Khamenei has begun pushing back. Mr. Khatami trounced the clerical establishment's favored candidate in the presidential election because he represents the desire of most franians

for relief from clerical meddling in daily life. He has also brought a more pragmatic approach to Iranian foreign policy, replacing ritual demonization of the United States with efforts to build new, nongovernmental links.

and sanctions.

jority sentiment, pragmatism and national interest are beside the point. They despise America and feel threatened by Mr. Khatami's policies and popularity. Fearing to attack him directly, they are striking at his allies.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

The National Transportation Safety Board's recommendations for minimizing the risk of a fuel tank explosion similar to the TWA Flight 800 tragedy would expand the depth and reach of corrective measures undertaken by Boeing and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. For the first time the safety board has asked the FAA to require the inspection of wiring, the replacement of damaged wiring and related equipment changes in thousands of aircraft built by Boeing and other manufacturers, not

Though the cause of the Flight 800 explosion, which took 230 lives in July

1996, has not been pinpointed, these and other recommendations of the board seem reasonable. Among them are requirements to separate highvoltage from low-voltage wires and to install surge protectors. All are aimed at reducing the chance that an errant electrical spark could ignite the center fuel tank. Last year the board also sensibly recommended a reduction in the inflammability of fuel vapors.

Both Boeing and the FAA note correctly that they have been working on or contemplating many of these steps. Even so, the board's recommendations should sharpen the necessary decisionmaking and, if translated into a formal FAA directive, will affect older 747s as well as some aircraft made by other manufacturers. The safety board's suggestions are, in effect, a valuable insurance policy for consumers not only in the United States but abroad, since what America puts into its jetliners eventually becomes the world standard.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Overdue Amends

On Friday the Clinton administration has a rare chance to bring justice to a small group of wronged people in a case so clear that no one disputes the merits of their claim. These people were kidnapped from their homes by order of the U.S. government and imprisoned without hearing or just cause. The Justice Department should not pass up this chance to make amends.

By now many Americans know how the U.S. government rounded up Japanese-Americans and interned them in desolate camps during World War II. Fewer realize that the Roosevelt administration also persuaded Latin American governments to arrest ethnic Japanese living in their countries for deportation to the United States.

These Japanese Latin Americans more than 2,200 in all — were stripped of their property and then, during the seaboard voyage north, deprived of their passports so that U.S. officials could label them "illegal aliens" upon their arrival in the United States. More than 800 then were shipped off to Japan in exchange for American civilians held there; the need for hostages was one reason they were seized. The rest

were kept in internment camps, in Texas and elsewhere, until after the war's end. Then most were deported to Japan, though a few hundred stayed in the United States or made their way back to their homes in Latin America.

In 1988 Congress passed a law to 'acknowledge the fundamental injustice" done to Japanese-Americans during the war. In addition to an apology, former internees were entitled to 520,000 apiece in a kind of partial reparation, and more than 80,000 have since been paid. But the government has refused to accord similar treatment to the Japanese Latin Americans because they were neither citizens nor legal resident aliens. Of course, they were in the United States illegally because the U.S. government brought them and stole their passports.

A group of Japanese Latin Americans has filed suit, and Loren A. Smith, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, has urged the govemment to settle at a meeting to be held Friday. "This would do great credit to the moral integrity of our nation," Judge Smith wrote. He's right.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

Broaching a Taboo

President Bill Clinton participated this week was a serious, substantive discussion of a subject that has hitherto been supposed to be politically taboo. The more discussion the better as the parties embark on the restructuring of a retirement system on which a seventh of the United States depends.

A range of opinion was represented in the session Tuesday, but there was more agreement than not, in part because there was not a lot of posturing in which one side or the other suggests a way to fix the system at no or negligible cost. The president, to the contrary, called attention to the trade-offs that will be required to finance the retirement not just of the baby boomers but of the generation to follow. That's good. It

The Social Security forum in which is what people need to understand. how "privatization" might be the salvation of the system, giving people all or some of their Social Security taxes to invest instead of sluicing the money through the government. But that is a riskier proposition than the privatizers allow. Mr. Clinton said the right place to start was at the other end, with a set of guarantees. Then maybe a layer of compulsory savings and individual invest-

ment could be added on top. Mr. Clinton did not spell out a plan, but that is not what the administration needed to do at this point. What it needed to do was provide both parties with political cover so that they will consider the subject safe to debate.

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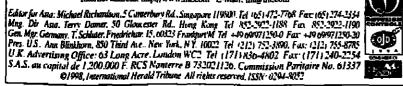
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An Inside Look at U.S. Foreign Policy Indecision

WASHINGTON — The first de-tailed insider account of foreign policy battles in the Clinton presidency emerges in a few weeks with the publication of Richard Holbrooke's dip-

lomatic memoir on Bosnia. It is an unsettling, prophetic book that raises serious questions about the direction of U.S. involvement in the ethnic conflicts of the Balkans.

Advance copies of Mr. Holbrooke's "To End a War" are being circulated to policymakers and others as the flames of civil conflict lick higher in Serbia's Kosovo province.

The parallels between the indecisiveness and confusion that initially split the United States and its European allies over Bosnia, and the current diplomatic impasse on Kosovo, are as disturbing as they are evident.

Mr. Holbrooke is currently a Wall Street banker whose Washington career is in remission but far from over. Not surprisingly, he is full of praise for and protective of President Bill

But taken as a whole his portrait of Mr. Clinton is that of an inattentive, disengaged chief executive forced by bureaucratic guile and circumstances into committing 20,000 U.S. troops to Bosnia because he had left himself

That portrait is especially devastating because it is largely inadvertent. Mr. Holbrooke, Mr. Clinton's former assistant secretary of state for Europe By Jim Hoagland

and architect of the Dayton conference that ended the Bosnian war in 1995, is a loyalist and a leading contender to be a Democratic secretary of state someday. He is not out to insult the future.

But neither does he turn away from idential decision-making rarely oc-curred at the Principals' Meeting — the administration's highest deliberative internal forum — "because the real principals, the president and vice president, rarely attended them."

Instead, when disagreements flared "the decision-making process would often come to a temporary halt, which was followed by a slow, laborious process of telephoning and private deal-making.'

'Most high-level meetings on Bosnia had a dispirited, inconclusive quality" that led to "inaction or half-measures instead of a clear strategy" in Mr. Holbrooke's first year in office, before the Croatian ground offensive and NATO bombing of the summer of 1995 cleared the way for success at Dayton.

Fittingly, the crucial scene of this description of how Mr. Clinton was dragged into exerting leadership on Bosnia that summer occurs at a glittering White House dance. The ego and concern for celebrity and social glamour that drive Mr. Clinton and many of throughout the book.

At the end of that "magic" evening, Mr. Holbrooke tells an uncomprehending Mr. Clinton that he will in fact have to live up to a public promise he casnally made to help allied troops out of Bosnia if the fighting continues.

Unknown to Mr. Clinton, the unavoidable truth. He notes that pres- Pentagon has hardened the promise into an operations plan already approved by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. To back out would wreck the alliance.

The idea that he has made a promise he cannot unmake finally engages Mr. Clinton's attention on Bosnia. This is the acorn that grows into the tree of Dayton in Mr. Holbrooke's account.

It is a brilliant bureaucratic manipulation, performed in the worthy cause of restoring American credibility and effectiveness abroad and maintaining

history's most successful alliance. To those same ends. Mr. Holbrooke unblushingly tells of outflanking his main Washington rival — Mr. Clinton's now departed national security adviser. Tony Lake, who temporarily shut Mr. Holbrooke out of key policy meetings — and of prevailing over stuffy, vengeful French diplomats who wanted to deny the United States credit for success in Bosnia.

His account of Dayton rings true. If anything. Mr. Holbrooke underplays the audacity and courage he showed in bracing Mr. Clinton, and then in mashis associates - not least among them saging the gangster mentalities of Ser-

Mr. Holbrooke — slip into view bia's Slobodan Milosevic and his Balkan rivals into stopping the killing in Bosnia.

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The book argues that only clear and forceful U.S. leadership, backed with real muscle where necessary, can contain the evil and threat to U.S. interests Mr. Holbrooke sees proliferating

There will be other Bosnias in our lives," he wrote only a few months before armed clashes between Serbs and Albanian Kosovars raised the prospect that the next Bosnia has already begun.

The administration's response on Kosovo has been uncertain and hesitant, voicing tough rhetoric but then backing off under pressure from the Contact Group, a steering committee of European, Russian and American diplomats. Mr. Holbrooke quickly bent the Contact Group to American purposes instead of deferring to it on Bosnia, as the State Department seems now ready to do on Kosovo.

'The world will look to Washington for more than rhetoric the next time we face a challenge to peace or, as in the case of the Asian financial crisis, economic stability." Mr. Holbrooke writes at the end of his book, which is an indirect but broad challenge to the way U.S. foreign policy is now being conducted. "One cannot have a global economic policy without a political and strategic vision to accompany it."

Clinton's Rwanda Apology Is Fine, but America Needs to Act

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton's apology for the lack of U.S. action during the Rwandan genocide is

a welcome first step toward the prevention of future genocides. Absent from his apology, however, were specific statements about what he and his administration ought to have done differently at the time beyond the vague "we should have done more" - and what they would do in the future if genocide were under way.

Absent these specifics, the apology constitutes a genuine empathy with the suffering of others, but it does not do enough to ensure that future genocides will be prevented or ended. Once genocide is under way, it is unlikely that anything but military force will end the horror.

The main question the president needs to address is. "Do you support military action by UN forces, and by U.S. forces when the United Nations is not acting quickly enough to stop genocide already under way? In his recent speech to the Rwandans, President Clinton highlighted three claims: first, istration and the international that he did not fully appreciate community improve its system ocide; second, that his admin-danger of genocidal violence, istration should have called the but, as is clear here, informa-

By Yael S. Aronoff third, that the United States problem. It is the political will should have acted more to act on that information that quickly to stop the genocide is lacking.

and not have allowed the I witnessed this lack of will. refugee camps to become safe Despite lobbying by myself havens for the perpetrators. and others, even suggestions While working in the sec-retary of defense's Office of about interference with the radio broadcasts inciting the Humanitarian and Refugee Afkilling were discouraged by fairs, I participated in the Desome in the Defense Department - not to mention sugpartment of Defense Rwanda Task Force. I had the stomachgestions about speeding up equipment for UN volunteers turning task of sending daily or sending U.S. soldiers to put body counts to my bosses every morning, and thus I can a stop to the massacres. attest to the fact that the in-

There seemed to be an untelligence was there for anyone derstanding at the time among practically all members of the It is a positive step for the administration and in the varipresident to say that he and the ous bureaucracies that, after the deaths of U.S. soldiers in administration should have Somalia, Mr. Clinton would called the murders by their not be willing to risk any rightful name — genocide. But American lives in Africa. had the proper term been used, what course of action would

When the United States finally did choose humanitarian intervention for Rwandan refugees in Zaire, after the genocide had ended, administration spokesmen stressed that American soldiers would be at virtually no risk.

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Rwanda during the entire 2½ months in which the genocide was taking place.

This same unwillingness to engage in military action applied to the refugee camps following the genocide. The only way to have prevented the camps from becoming safe havens for the 30,000 former soldiers and militiamen responsible for the genocide was Providing water to refugees to have supported U.S. for regional humanitarian al

of halting genocide when camps from becoming safe havens for killers," is he saywas a lack of political will to ing that he should have supported UN military action and even ordered U.S. troops to participate in disarming genocidal killers? More important. is he saying that he would be willing to do so in the future?

Mr. Clinton should elaborate on his apology so that it can truly be a basis for different policy in the future. He should strongly support a standing UN force, and in the meantime state his readiness to use our own forces to halt genocide when the risk is proportionally low and the probability of success high, as it was in Rwanda.

Without such concrete statements his apology is reduced to: "We should have done more, but we don't know exactly what."

The United States, as the world's leading power, should lead the world into the 21st century having learned to put an end to the most barbaric and brutal acts of the 20th century.

The writer was assistant was one thing: preventing Tut- action in physically disarming fairs in the Pentagon's Office of Humanitarian and Refugee Thus when Mr. Clinton says Affairs. She contributed this Because there was no pre- that we Americans "should comment to The Washington

What Are 'Asian Values'? A Justification for Repression

ONDON --- When I worked in Hong Kong, the chief executive, Tung Chee-hwa, frequently urged Westerners not to meddle with Hong Kong, whose administration and society as a whole he said were underpinned by "Chinese

Sometimes he transmuted these into "Asian values." This was Mr. Tung's list: "Trust, love and respect for our family and our elders; integrity, honesty and loyalty to all; commitment to education; a belief in order and stability; a preference for consultation rather than confrontation."

Sometimes Mr. Tung added 'a preference for obligation rather than individual rights." When he was specifically re-

ferring to Asian values, Mr. Tung listed "hard work, respect for learning, honesty, openness to new ideas, accountability, self-discipline and self-reli-

"North American" values. said Mr. Tung, who spent a number of years in the United States, are "freedom of expression, personal freedom, self-reliance, individual rights, hard work, personal achievement,

thinking for one's self." Once during an interview with Mr. Tung I suggested that all these values sounded Jewish to me. He beamed. "Yes. Some

of my ..." Of course it's all garbage. I once wrote to Mr. Tung recommending that he stop telling foreign reporters, as he sometimes did when questioned at news conferences: "You don't understand this. You are not

Chinese." I noted that in covering four governors, from Lord Mac-Lehose to Chris Patten, I had never heard them or their officials say to a Chinese reporter: "You don't understand. You are not British." It would have been immediately condemned

as racism. Mr. Tung was not alone, however, in his interchangeable evocation of Asian or Chinese

In democracies such as Indía,

By Jonathan Mirsky

Korea, these concepts are rarely invoked. When I interviewed President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan last year, he said that the concept of Asian values was nonsense and was used only to

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divide people. The Asian valuers fear what they usually call "instability." They say that their citizens value order and consensus. Like Mr. Tung they disparage the West's "immorality," and they gloomily point to the chaos of those countries that emerged from the breakup of the Soviet Union as an example of what happens when stability

collapses. This worship of stability justifies much. Mr. Tung says that

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while he values a free press, the media should present government policies "positively," and that he was considering whether criticism of the government on the radio might con-

stitute subversion. He notes without enthusiasm that demonstrations are part of Chinese culture, but he wishes that everyone would pull together for "the good of Hong

Mr. Tung's fear of instability extends far beyond Hong

"As a Chinese man," he has said, he finds "intolerable" the notion of Tibetan, Muslim or Taiwanese independence. He will introduce laws for Hong

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Taiwan, Japan and South Kong that will forbid advocating or — as Michael Suen. one of his officials, clarified soon after the handover to China last July — even doing. research on such independence. This is to protect China's "na-

tional security. Some Westerners, usually foreign investors keen to keep friendly relations in the East. also claim that Asians are not interested in or fit for democracy. Foreigners who confront Asian leaders on human rights make things worse, in their

Members of American and other Western chambers of commerce in Hong Kong and Beijing rarely say a public word about human rights, and the handful who do are derided as

Apart from justifying repression, "Asian values" is a paltry concept. How can you weave together Indian caste, Japanese Shintoism, animism in Borneo and New Guinea or the multifarious cultures in the Indonesian and Philippine archi-

pelagos? How to compare marriages, funerals and eating habits forks, chopsticks, spoons and

Champions of Asian values bang on about consensus rather than confrontation. (Indeed, this is the bogus notion that Robin Cook and Madeleine Albright have bought from Beijing to justify no longer passing resolutions against China at the Geneva human rights meetings.)

Buddhist sects have fought it torturers throughout Asia are no more interested in consensus than are their counterparts in Israel and Yugoslavia, In 1965, thousands of people were NEW YORK - Another aspect slaughtered in Indonesia. charged with being Communists; the real reason for killing a decision by the Supreme many of them was because they were Chinese.

Cambodians died by the hundreds of thousands at the hands cision being made by five to of their fellow Cambodians in three. The majority decision

where the old and intellectuals are highly prized, the party has executed who knows how many. During the Cultural Revolution, Red Guards ate "class enemies.

pecially refers to this as, first, arrogance and, second, intervention in its sovereignty. Andrew Nathan, Columbia University's authority on Chinese politics, responds to these charges in his new col-lection of essays, "China's

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Transition. The more authoritarian a society is, the less we know about any differences that exist within it about value issues. ... By no coincidence, objections to foreign value judgments are voiced most often and most loudly by authoritarian governments, not by private cit-

Beijing makes life very hard Tribune.

the Pol Pot years, and in China, for "criminals" like Wei Jingsheng. He called for human rights and democracy begin-

ning in 1977.
What kind of "values" are these? He is unquestionably an . Asian who understands his own society very well. When he criticizes Western leaders for taking it easy on Beijing, he accuses them of buying into the Communist myth that "confrontation" is an affront to 'Chinese values."

China's new prime minister, Zhu Rongji, admitted recently : that his own 20 years in Maoist disgrace were so ghastly that he cannot discuss them. What world leaders will ask Mr. Zhu about the circumstances, much less the values, of the political prisoners in China's gulag and in Drapchi prison in Lhasa?

The writer, a former East Asia editor of The Times of London, contributed this comment ; to the International Herald

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: April Diseases

PARIS -- [The Herald says in an Editorial: The last traces of winter diseases are diminishing with this sudden advent of spring, but the rise in the temperature will make people dress in summer costumes, and then, as the temperatures will certainly undergo some fluctuations, they will take cold and there will be a recrudescence of diseases of the throat, bronchial tubes and lungs. Another thing to be feared out in Japan and Tibet. State at this transitional season is the revival of rheumatic affections.

1923: Minimum Wage

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was given in the case of a law passed by Congress to safeguard women and children workers in the District of Columbia. The decision held that the law was an interference with contracts between employers and employés and violated the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution.

1948: Deir Yasin

ists opened a new phase in Palestine's fighting today [April 9] by storming and occupying Deir Yasin, an Arab village two miles from the western edge of Jerusalem. Some 200 members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and Stern Gang took the place during the day and still were in possession tonight. The action was the largest single operation yet undertaken by terrorists against either British or Arabs. 🦚 It was the first terrorist venture into tactical fighting as opposed to bomb attack or simple raid.

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Americans Honor King But Ignore His Dream

By Bob Herbert

NEW YORK — The recent tributes to the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. have been folded and put away. They will be hauled out again 20 years from now on the 50th anniver-

sary of his death.
Will anyone in the year 2018 pay attention to what King really stood for? I doubt it. The ceremonies will most likely be as earnest and as empty as ever. We civil rights struggle had been sent honor King but we have never listened to him. The essence of his message has been ignored. He preached nonviolence. He believed strongly in integration. And he died fighting for economic

justice for the poor.
It is still a shock to read the New York Times headline of Friday. April 5, 1968: "Martin Luther King Is Slain in Memphis: a White Is Suspected; Johnson

There would be no calm. Nonviolence was the foundation of King's philosophy, but the long, long night of extreme violence was already settling over black America when he was killed, and the dark has not lifted yet. The losses in the black community over the past 30 years to violent death and to prison have been staggering. Saving good-bye to the young has become the most familiar of rituals.

A great deal has been made of King's last sermon, delivered in Memphis, Tennessee, the night before he died. He seemed to prophesy his own death, and I believed for many years that his anguished expression during that sermon was the natural result of his sensing that he was about to

"Like anybody, I would like to live a long life," King said. "Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now." He had seen the promised land, he said. "And I'm happy tonight.

I'm not worried about any-But he looked worried and deeply sad. There was nothing in his expression to suggest that he

was happy about anything. I now believe that King was indeed grieving, but not for him-self. I believe he knew he was losing the fight for nonviolent protest and realized the terrible tall that violence would take on the black community, and the

ways in which it would undernine the struggle for civil rights.

Newark, New Jersey, and Detroit had gone up in flames the previous summer. Militants with dashikis but no philosophy were advocating black separatism at the same time that they were applauding the destruction of black neighborhoods. Many of the whites who had enlisted bravely in the packing. King himself was de-nounced as an Uncle Tom.

King was in Memphis to support a strike by sanitation workers, and violence had marred that effort. "Let us rise up with a greater readiness," King said. Let us stand with a greater determination."

The builet that killed him wrecked his jaw and damaged his spine. And it did incalculable damage to the United States of

The headline in The Times on Saturday, April 6, 1968, said: "Army Troops in Capital as Negroes Rior; Guard Sent Into Chicago, Detroit, Boston: Johnson Asks a Joint Session of Con-

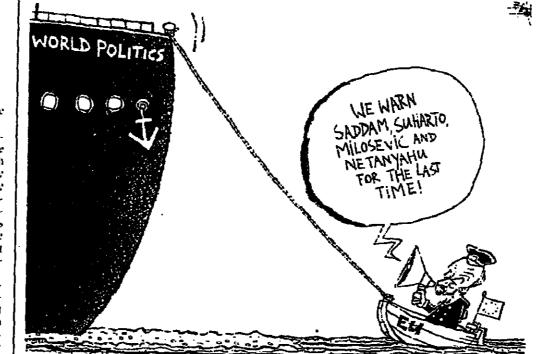
It was the worst rioting the country had yet seen. Even as King was being readled for burial, his fundamental principles were being betrayed.

The following week, Look magazine was on the stands with an article by King. The article described his plans for a series of demonstrations around the country in support of additional jobs and improved housing for the poor. He vowed that there would be both "Negro and white" participation in the demonstrations, which were intended to help the poor of both races.

"Some of the black power groups have temporarily given up on integration. King wrote. "We have not. So maybe we are the bridge, in the middle, reaching across and connecting both

He warned whites that racism was a "potentially fatal disease" and he warned blacks that violence and continued rioting "will strengthen the right wing of the country.

But he was dead and no one was listening. Now we honor him. But we're still not listening. The New York Times



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Feminists and Clinton

Regarding "Chinem, Sex and Common Sense (Opinion) March 24 ds. Gioria Steinem, anii "Lewnsky's Father Rips Into March 24%

As a leminist and a former admirer of Gloria Steinem and Anita Hill, I was dismayed by their views on the sexual harassment accusations against President Bill

How can the behaviors alleged by Paula Jones and Kathleen Willey not be considered harassment worse? Do Ms. Steinem and Ms. Hill expect us to believe that they would feel comfortable in a nation led by a president who feels free to drop his pants in their presence without any encouragement or invitation? Surely the definition of sexual harassment does not preclude such behavior just because the perpetrator takes "no" for an answer and does not repeat the behavior. Once is too

I hope that Ms. Steinem and Ms. Hill reconsider their statements before feminists become identified with such beliefs and are ridiculed by those who might otherwise sympathize with women's stand against harassment in the workplace.

JOYCE GLEASON. Lincoln, Nebraska.

Ms. Steinem's rationalizations reason she absolves President Clinton of charges of sexual harassment has more to do with polthes than respect for women's

Hights Mr. Clinton supports Ms. Steinem's agenda; earlier mal-eraciors like Justice Clarence Thomas do not.

I am not a conservative and I respect the president, one of the best in recent years, for his many accomplishments despite the accusations concerning his private life. But Ms. Steinem's brand of establishment feminism has become a fixture in the "me first" world of pressure-group politics.
DONALD M. SEEKINS.

Nago, Japan.

Children With Guns

Regarding "Guns and Chil-dren" (Editorial, March 28); To leave the serious reform of

American gun laws to state lawmakers, as this editorial suggests. is not enough. The federal government will have to impose laws making adult gun owners criminally liable for misdeeds committed by children with their weapons. After all, a civil war had to be

fought to end slavery and the end to segregation came only under

the watchful eyes of the National reek of hypocrisy. Clearly, the Guard. The states themselves have not and will not clean house. MARKUS A BOHR.

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Kuala Lumpur.

I recognize that Art Buchwald has a great reputation as an American humorist. That I find his columns singularly unfunny I have always put down to taste. However, his column about the Jonesboro, Arkansas, school killings ("Calling Guns R Us." March 31: was not only unfunny, but remarkable in its lack of compassion. Are we now at the point where every news story is fodder for "humor"? I was truly offended by this article, and I pray that others were too. CHARLES FORNARA 3d.

Hamburg.

British Car Makers

Regarding "Britons Lument the Loss of Rolls-Royce" (March

Rolls-Royce is not "Britain's last domestic automobile manufacturer" as this article states. The Morgan Car Co. produces sports cars that many connoisseurs believe are better constructed and far more reliable vehicles than any Rolls-Royce.

PETER LOMAX. Valbonne, France.

Oh Moses, You Great Big Conservative Beast, You

By Steven R. Weisman

tertainment wilderness, Hollywood has rediscovered the Book of Exodus.

In 1956, with "The Ten Commandments," the director Cecil B. De Mille set a new standard for biblical epics. Now Jeffrey Katz-

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enberg, the former Walt Disney executive, is bringing the Bible movie back in animated form, but he has encountered problems undreamed of by Mr. De Mille.

Last year Mr. Katzenberg called on Jerry Falwell and 500 other religious figures to give advice about his movie. "The Prince of Egypt. Some saw his action as kowiowing. No doubt Mr. Katzenberg and partners in the new DreamWorks studio want to avoid the wrath of the Christian right, but there is also something to be said for caution on a sensitive subject.

Charltón Heston, who played Moses in "The Ten Commandments," recalled the other day that Mr. De Mille had also consulted rabbis, ministers and scholars. "You wouldn't do it any other way," he said.

As it happens, on Easter Sunday, which is also Passover weekend. ABC will have its 19th annual broadcast of "The Ten Commandments," a film that touches a huge audience with its blend of spectacle and kitsch. My favorite of the latter is the scene in which Anne Baxter, looking more like a love-sick Cosmo girl than Pharaoh's wife, teases Mr. Heston seductively about freeing the Jews. "Moses, Moses, you splendid, stubborn, adorable fool," she

purrs, making you wonder whether Mr. De Mille had mentioned that line to his religious advisers. From the look of the scenes

being shown to journalists, "The Prince of Egypt" is ambitious in technique and scope. The studio says it took three years to create the four-minute sequence of the parting of the Red Sea, But if The Prince of Egypt" contains any political implications, they well be reminiscent of those discernible in "The Ten Commandments.'

You cannot see the De Mille epic without being reminded that

NEW YORK — After 40 it came out when memories of the years of wandering in the enrights movement was starting. But the casting was guided more by the box office than by politics. The director said he wanted someone who looked like the Moses of Michelangelo.

It is inevitable for each new generation to reimagine Moses: The buby boomers running the studios have already reinvented the western, the monster picture; the film noir and every other old genre, but not the biblical epic: which died out soon after the 1950s, when those films started to become empty self-parodies: Today they look like symbols of the studios' struggle to compete with television, only to decline just like the Roman and Egyptian

empires they depicted.

The critic Michael Wood has even said that the studios subconsciously identified with the

'You don't mess around with Moses. He was an angry. harsh leader, not a friendly fellow.

doomed imperial edifices in their films. It is notable that Dream-Works is reviving the genre to steal Disney's thunder and establish itself as the first new studio in a generation.

Some see in "The Ten Commandments" hints of the politics of Cecil De Mille himself, a notorious conservative who tried to drive Communists and their sympathizers out of Hollywood. Was , there an element of godless Communism to be found in the unbelieving Egyptians?

Mr. Heston said that interpretation had never occurred to him. But certainly," he added, Moses was a conservative. How so? "You don't mess around with Moses. He was an angry, harsh leader, not a friendly fellow. This is not Jesus." Now there is an interesting

concept from the patriarch of Hollywood's right. Moses is a conservative. Jesus is a liberal. Somebody had better consult Jerry Falwell about that.

BOOKS

THE LONG HARD ROAD OUT OF HELL

By Marilyn Manson with Neil Strauss. 269 pages. \$24. Regan/HarperCollins. Reviewed by Jason Morgan

I'M still going through hell," Marilyn Manson writes part way through his surprisingly smart but confused autobiography. and the only way to get out of it is to go through all the way, to the very bottom." Dante, of course, made the same journey nearly seven centuries ago - and our wayward rock star even includes an illustration from the "Inferno" depicting the famous nine circles of hell. But Dante was only touring. Manson seems to have become a permanent resident. And judging from this memoir, he doesn't want to escape.

Before there was Marilyn Manson the stage name he derived from Marilyn Monroe and Charles Manson, symbolizing, he writes, the entwinement of beauty and destruction - there was Brian Warner. Raised in Canton, Ohio, he was educated (in the loose sense of the word) at a Christian grammar school, where he was taught that UPC price codes were a sign of the Beast as foretold by the Book of Revelation. And the pictures! It's almost worth the price of the book just to see kiddle photos of the man whose ghoulish appearance has struck so much fear into the hearts of conservative Christians everywhere. He looked like Howdy Doody with his pendulous earlobes - which were later

surgically reduced. Manson's family is almost a book unto itself. The memoir opens with the prepubescent Manson discovering his family's best-kept secret: his paternal grandfather's cross-dressing. His vol-atile blue-collar father was a Vietnam vet who suffered from severe post-traumatic stress disorder after spraying Agent Orange in Vietnam. (And though not deformed himself, the young Manson was forced to anend a federally

By Alan Truscott

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grotesque, maladjusted children of U.S. soldiers who were actually exposed to the chemical.) One of their most memorable moments together occurred when his father "took me on his motorevele to a strip mine near our house, where, using a rifle he had removed from the corpse of a Viet Cong soldier, he taught me how to shoot." His mother is portrayed as hopelessly weak and even neuroric.

Manson's musical ability is generally regarded as being abominably low, by just about any standard. It's pretty obvious that he considers himself more a performance artist than a singer or a songwriter. At a show early in his band's career, he hung a donkey piñata over the main floor, laid a long stick on the edge of the stage, and pleaded with the audience not to break it. When the crowd inevitably smashed the piñata open, a shower of cow brains, chicken livers and pig intestines poured onto their heads. Such episodes illuminate the smart and playful imp behind the ghoulish makeup - and make "Hell" occasionally more

than just a tolerable read. The long middle section of the book.
"Deformography," is almost beyond description. Summon to mind every dirty activity that you can think of -wanton sex, drunkenness, drug abuse. self-scarification, satanism, violence, torture, verbal abuse — and then mul-tiply these activities into as many permutations as you think possible. Man-son will still surprise you with the luridness of his carnival episodes, vir-

tually none of which are relatable here. Aside from such pandering, I'm pleased to report that Manson's prose is surprisingly polished and even beautiful on occasion — though better sense tells me that it is probably the doing of his co-author, the Rolling Stone and New York Times journalist Neil Strauss. Occasional trenchant observations glitter like jewels and seem totally incongruous coming from the pen of someone like Manson. He writes: "Relationships nev-

sponsored study-and-play group for the er break cleanly. Like a valuable vase: they are smashed and then glued back together, smashed and glued, smashed and glued until the pieces just don't fit together any more." At other times, lush writerly excess à la William Faulkner gets the best of him: "What seemed to be emerging from this cocoon was hard and soulless, smooth and terrifying, scarred and numb, a malefic gargoyle about to spread its scabrous wings."

But what's pathetic is that Manson hasn't emerged from his cocoon, and he

hasn't spread his scabrous wings. Whereas Dante eventually passed out of hell and into Purgatory, Manson ends "The Long Hard Road Out of Hell' never having left it at all, trapped in his own hedonism, imprisoned in self-loathing. There is no conclusion. no assessment, no advice offered save for the empty promise of some huge scary personal transformation on

The final pages of "Hell" are filled by a corpulent, rambling diary from his recent "Antichrist Superstar" tour, plus some ridiculous affidavits filed against him by residents of the cities whose arenas he was scheduled to play.

Manson might be crude and explicitly amoral, but these trumped-up charges are so patently false that you have no choice but to laugh. One person claimed. "I witnessed Manson call for the virgin sacrifice in which all the children in the concert arena are pushed forward by the crowd to be dedicated to Satan."

Early on, Manson writes tenderly of the paranoia of his grammar-school teachers: "The beast they lived in fear of was really themselves: It was man, not some mythological demon, that was going to destroy man in the end."

Too true, Marilyn! Readers will see that it is you, and not some moralizing Christian parents' association, who will destroy you in the end.

Juson Morgan, a Washington author, wrote this for The Washington Post.

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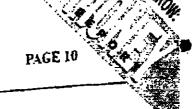
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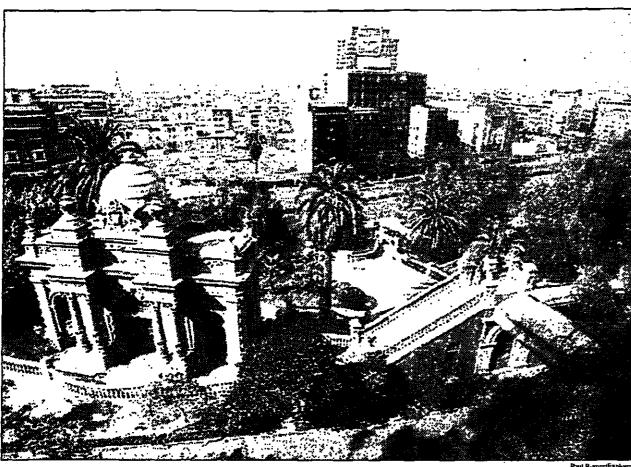
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tricks, discarded his club on dummy's fourth heart and established a diamond trick to make the game. "That was the best play I have ever seen," said his partner, Michael Passell. And he has seen more than 30,000 deals in his

Both sides were vulnerable. The





A view of Cerro Santo Lucia in old Santiago, which contains many historic colonial mansions and churches.

Santiago Reinvents Itself Militarism Banished, Chile's Capital Is Thriving

By Calvin Sims

New York Times Service ANTIAGO — Once considered the most militaristic country in Latin America, Chile has worked hard to overcome that stigma, emerging in the last decade as a model for economic and social change in the region. Its armed forces are no longer a threat, its restructured economy is among the fastest growing in the world and its reputation for innovation is firmly established.

Nowhere are these changes more evident than in Chile's capital. Santiago, a modern metropolis of 5 million people. set amid the august snowcapped Andes and fertile valley farmland.

In 1990, after losing a plebiscite, the military junta that had ruled Chile since 1973 relinquished power to an elected government. Free of repression, the city's intellectual and cultural communities are thriving again. And thanks to a steady flow of foreign investment, Santiago has all the trappings of a worldclass city; skyscrapers, fancy and ethnic restaurants, trendy shopping malls, art galleries, rowdy demonstrations and pollution. While most buildings in Santiago are fairly new, the center of the old city, between the Mapocho River and O'Higgins Avenue, contains many historic colonial mansions, churches and government buildings. During the day, most parts of the city

of interest to tourists are safe to visit. and police officers are visible on major street corners and intersections. But visitors should exercise caution at night. when many petty thieves strike.

As fall arrives in the Southern Hemisphere and the leaves turn to brilliant hues of orange, red and yellow. Santiago is anticipating its coming-out party on April 18 and 19, when heads of state from across the Americas are scheduled to meet here at the Sheraton Hotel for trade talks.

The majestic neo-classical Municipal Theater, at San Antonio and Agustinas, (56-2) 369-0282, stages opera, ballet and symphony performances from March through December. On April 20. 21 and 22 at 7 P.M., the Santiago Philharmonic Orchestra will perform Bach's Mass in B Minor, directed by Juan Pablo Izquierdo and featuring the soprano Gabriela Lehman.

The opera "Jenufa," by Janacek, will be performed on May 9 and 16 at 5 P.M. and May 11 and 14 at 7 P.M. Another of the Municipal Theater's resident companies is the Santiago Ballet, which will present Domenico Scarlatti's "Tarning of the Shrew" on May 22, 25, 26 and 27 at 7 P.M. Tickets at the Municipal Theater range from \$3 to \$145.

The National Ballet will stage "Mozartissimo," an interpretation of music by Mozart, choreographed by Georges Caciuleanu, on May 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16. And the university's symphony and chorus will perform Beethoven's Sym(Op. 80), and "Leonore" Overture No. 3, on April 30 and May 2. Tickets range from \$3 to \$15.

"Eros in Ecuadoran Art" will be on view at the neo-classical National Fine Arts Museum, Parque Forestal, (56-2) 633-3577, from April 17 to May 17. The show will include 98 works — of painting, pottery and sculpture — from Ecuador's Central Bank collection. Hours: Monday to Friday 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. Admission S1. Sundays free.

An exhibition of works by Diego Rivera will be held at the Ralli Museum, 4110 Alonso de Soto Mayor, (56-2) 208-1798, from April 17 to May 17, 10:30 A.M. to 4 P.M., closed Monday

and Thursday.
The "Chile Before Chile" exhibition at the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, 361 Bandera, (56-2) 695-3851, offers a rare glimpse of cultural artifacts dating before the Spanish conquest from the country's five major geographical regions. Among them are tools, weapons and animal skins used by early inhabitants of Patagonia, Chile's frigid southern wilderness. From the northern desert, which was a trading center from about 80 to 300 A.D. there is a charming collection of primitive tribal hats worn by indigenous peoples. The exhibit will be up through the end of the year. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 A.M. to 6 P.M., Sunday to 4 P.M. Entrance fee is \$4; free

PARKS AND PALACES

Santiago's most historic buildings are on Constitution Plaza, downtown. where at 10 A.M. on even-numbered days in April and odd-numbered days in May, one can view the impressive changing of the guard in front of the Presidential Palace. The palace was built in 1786 in the Spanish colonial style, with high ceilings and large wooden doors and windows. It was partly ruined in the 1973 military coup in which General Augusto Pinochet toppled the Socialist president, Salvador Allende Gossens. The building has been restored, and tours can be arranged through Oscar Pizarro, (56-2) 690-4069.

Parque por la Paz, or Peace Park, 8200 Jose Arrieta Avenue, stands as a memorial to the 3,000 political prisoners who died or disappeared during Pinochet's 17-year regime. The park. open Saturday and Sunday from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M., was the site of a notorious military detention center — Villa Grimaldi — where torture, murder and other atrocities took place. The city government razed the villa two years ago to create an open green space with trees and benches. A monument under construction inside the park will contain the names of the 224 victims who perished at the villa.

For a panoramic view of the city, go to the top of San Cristobal Hill, (56-2) 777-6666, an 1,800-acre park with a

picnic area and a 120-foot statue of the Virgin Mary at its peak. The round-trip fare up the hill is \$3, by either cable car or funicular, (56-2) 737-6669, at the end of Avenida Pedro de Valdivia Nortc.

WHERE TO STAY Unless otherwise noted, hotel rates include breakfast.

Los Espanoles Hotel, 2539 Los Espanoles. (56-2) 232-1824, fax 233-1048, has 52 tidy rooms adorned in soft grays and pinks with simple furniture and lithographs of gardens and other nature scenes. A double costs \$100.

The 33 cozy rooms of the Montebianco Hotel, 2911 Isidora Govenechea Avenue, (56-2) 233-0427, fax (56-2) 233-0420, have hand-woven rugs and modern furniture. For a double, \$107. Budget: Hotel Turismo Montecarlo,

209 Victoria Subercaseaux, (56-2) 633-9905, fax (56-2) 633-5577, is a friendly place with a small lobby and reception area. Its 65 rooms are nondescript but comfortable. A double costs \$50. The Residencial Londres, 54 Lon-

dres, telephone and fax (56-2) 638-2215, has 28 simple rooms with high ceilings and wood floors. A double wit private bath costs \$29. Breakfast of coffee and a roll is \$1.50 extra.

Luxury: The Santiago Park Plaza Hotel, 207 Ricardo Lyon, (56-2) 233-6363, fax (56-2) 233-6668, is an elegant Old World hotel with 104 rooms, decorated with a European flair. The paneled lobby has velvet sofas, antique chairs, Persian rugs and elaborate flower arrangements. Double: \$230.

HUNGRY? The increase in foreign investment and tourism has brought a new diversity of top-flight and ethnic restaurants. Aqui Esta Coco, at 236 La Concepcion, (56-2) 235-8649 or 251-9143, serves superb seafood amid decor that features navigation memorabilia. House specialties include grilled crab cakes, sea bass stuffed with crab, and white chocolate pudding with orange sauce. Dinner for two with wine is about \$80. Reservations are recommended.

La Cascade, 2930 Isidora Goyen-echea, (56-2) 231-1887 or 232-2798, is an upscale French restaurant with large windows and burgundy decor. Dinner for two of cocktail, goat cheese salad, duck à l'orange, homemade ice cream with berries and wine is about \$100. The popular Café Santa Fe, 10690

Las Condes Avenue. (56-2) 215-1091, pulses with Mexican music. Frozen marganitas, fajitas of shrimp, beef or chicken, and raspberry yogurt cake are favorites on the Tex-Mex menu. Dinner for two is \$60.

Frequented by local artists and designers, El Huerto, 54 Orrego Luco, (56-2) 233-2690, offers creative vegetarian cuisine, including salads, bean soups, homemade cheesecake and pachamama - a regional dish of quinoa, black beans, com soufflé and boiled vegetables. Dinner for two, with wine, about \$40.

For the Intrepid Shopper

Bargains and Riches In Jittery Hong Kong

> By David Hochman New York Times Service

ONG KONG - For a few minutes in January, seemed to really matter that my right shoulder leans forward slightly more than my left. I was being fitted for a suit at W.W. Chan and Sons, one of the last of Hong Kong's great custom tailoring shops. As soon as announced I wanted a suit made, it appeared that neither chicken flu nor crashing stock markets nor the return of the Chinese government could keep these master craftsmen from working their measuring-tape magic.

Suddenly, I was at the center of a storm of white chalk, straight pins and perspiration. Tang Yan Choi, a stout, tough-looking man, who — like many of the best Chinese tailors — claims Shanghai as his place of origin, tapped me in eight or nine places and grunted out something in Cantonese, while Ray-mond K.K. Kiang, the manager of the -year-old shop, took furious notes. That's his secret method," Kiang

said. "He reads your body." If truth be told, I never really intended to come to Hong Kong at all. But when my girlfriend, Ruth Kennison, arrived home one December night ecstatic over a two-for-one Super Saver package on Cathay Pacific Airways for \$999 — one week, hotel included - we set our sights on Asia.

We knew the handover of the British territory to the Chinese and the general economic crisis in Southeast Asia had not been kind to Hong Kong. Tourism is



Hong Kong's Western district.

down sharply, several banks have collapsed and unemployment is rising. But the city's problems can be a boon, alheit a bittersweet one, for American visitors. And shopkeepers, we believed, would probably be glad to see us.

With that in mind, we set out for the city's fabled shopping districts, calculator in hand, to see if the gods of retail still smile on this crowded little megalopolis on the South China Sea.

If you work your way to the end of Hollywood Road in Central, past the curio shops selling vintage foot-binding shoes and Maoist insignia badges, past the high-end antiques dealers with their \$20,000 Qing Dynasty bowls, past the weather-worn Man Mo Temple where three-foot coils of incense smolder for weeks on end, you'll arrive at a dusty, packed-to-the-rafters shop called Wing Tei Curios and Carvings.

Peter Lee, the proprietor, will tell you that the wooden grates, doors and archways, with their impossibly intricate pastoral scenes and screaming dragons, were salvaged from Buddhist and Taoist shrines built before the Cultural Revolution of the 1960s. The objects now range in price from \$25 to more than you can believe.

Luckily, by that point on our trek down the wallet-clobbering antiques row, we had come to our senses. Hollywood Road, we realized, has a supernatural effect on one's shopping impulses. Things we never realized we wanted suddenly began looking like must-have objects: the lacquered cricket cage at the antique bird-cage shop around the comer at 55A Peel Street; the handpainted sauff bottles at True Arts and Curios at 89-91 Hollywood Road; the grimacing Chinese puppers from nearby Arch Angel Antiques (we bought one for \$45, after some haggling), not to mention the dried shark fins, wall-sized propaganda posters and centuries-old option pipes.

Heading up the stairs to W.W. Chan's became a ritual during our weeklong stay. Kiang said he needed to see me each day for fittings - I had 31 of them - and now Ruth was in the adjoining room at Irene Fashions, Chan's wornen's division, having a jacket made.

The dark cashmere-and-wool suit they had whipped up overnight, and which, at \$875, would be the most expensive garment I'd ever purchased, still had chalk-marked lapels, no lining. no buttons, pins everywhere and only one sleeve. Tang, friendly as ever. poked and tapped me unceremoniously, while Kiang politely reminded me to return the following morning.

INTO THE MADNESS On we went. We took a 15-minute double-decker bus ride inland to the madness that is the bazaar district. Promptly at 6 P.M. on Temple Street, a thousand dai pai dong - market stands - magically materialized. Hawkers with rickety card tables gridlocked the street, selling everything imaginable: ginseng tinc-tures, \$800 abalone meat, snake soup. While true bargains could be found (we saw chenille turtlenecks for \$3), the more exotic part of the night market was on adjacent Market Street, where opera singers, fortune tellers and sidewalk feng shui masters set up shop.

Wo On Lane is a perfect Hong Kong street. The dead-end alley in the Central district near trendy Lan Kwai Fong Street, off D'Aguilar Street, crams more into several hundred feet than most cities squeeze into a downtown. Arrive

around noon, when it is most active. One of the more intriguing shops in Hong Kong is here. Mountain Folkcraft, at No. 12, specializes in handmade arts and crafts, new and old, from all over Asia: Tibetan chests. Mongolian horses. Silk Road batik, paddle-shaped Chinese wooden cake molds, lotus flowers and Buddhas (we bought four for \$40 each). tribal costumes, musical instruments

We felt a touch of sadness heading over to Chan's that last afternoon to pick up our suit and jacket. Even in shopping stupor, it was impossible to ignore the depth of Hong Kong's distress. The week we were there, another major investment bank collapsed and the approaching Chinese New Year was looking bleak.

Kiang helped me into my wonderful new jacket, but even he couldn't contain his uncertainty this time. "Business is not so good," he said. "The next generation of tailors is not being trained, and I wonder if business can last much longer.

Dizzy from a week on the streets, we said good-bye to our tailors and to Hong Kong itself — pondering, as we would a Zen riddle, how a "Super Saver" vacation could have cost so much

Rio's Hippie Fair Offers Leather for the Tropics

For most travelers, shopping in Brazil probably conjures up images of semiprecious gernstones, with dreamy names like tourmaline, topaz and aqua-

But my favorite buy is leather and suede. In Rio you can find lightweight dresses, skirts and blouses tailored for tropical climates, supple and rich in a way never found in countries that associate leather with winter.

At the hippie fair on Sundays at the Praca General Osorio in Ipanema, near Arpoador, among the stands of handicrafts, silver jewelry and paintings, are some with reasonably priced soft suede blouses, miniskirts and bustiers, the last known by the wonderful name tomara que caia, "hopefully, it'll fall." Some of the suede blouses, which cost from \$40 to \$80, have been patterned with pinholes or small flower shapes that make them seem crocheted.

A few blocks west of the square, at 65 Rua Henrique Dumont, Max and Miriam Fermann make handbags to order in a shop and factory no bigger than a row house living room. The store is called Grumet Handbags, but there's no sign to tell you so (it's open 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. weekdays and 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Saturday). You can show her a bag from a magazine, pick the leather you like and the shop will make it for you in about three days. She charges \$80 to \$107, and if you ask, will usually throw a change purse or the leftover leather inside.

And at Calcadas Vista Mar in Leblon, the neighborhood just west of Ipanema. Aldino Vaz. who has been in business 32 years, will use the spare leather to make shoes for about \$100 in about 10 Diana Jean Schemo

Jakarta's Flea Market: **Just Name Your Price**

It is hard to define just what's on sale on Surabaya Street in Jakarta, where artisans squat at the curb carving wooden Buddhas and polishing brass diving helmets. For tribal masks, silver cigarette cases, grandfather clocks, ivory miniatures, sextants, samurai swords. xylophones and telephone switchboards you've come to the right place.

A half-mile-long strip of cluttered cubbyholes about a mile east of the welcome statue in central Jakarta, Sura- 🌲 baya Street is the most famous flea market in the Indonesian capital, a festival of eclecticism from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Antique treasures like Sumatran statuettes and Dayak headdresses jostle comfortably with their fake cousins, and the spoils of shipwrecks are piled beside tribal artifacts from Borneo.

You will get lucky at almost any shop you wander into, whatever price you name - in dollars or rupiah. Indonesia's shockingly devalued currency has been hovering at around 10,000 rupiah to the dollar for the last few weeks, or about one-fourth its value before Asia's economic meltdown hit last summer.

Despite the economic turmoil and fears of social unrest, Jakarta remains safe for visitors. On March 20, though. the State Department urged travelers to Indonesia to "exercise prudence and common sense, and avoid demonstrations and other situations that could turn (Seth Mydans)

A Market of Letters At Istanbul's Bazaar

Behind Istanbul's sprawling Grand Bazaar is a narrow alley leading toward the historic Beyazit Square and the grand portal of Istanbul University. It has been a book and paper market since the Byzantine period, and during the 19th and early 20th centuries was a center for the distribution of books throughout the Ottoman Empire. Today, it is not only a bibliophile's paradise, but also an ideal place to shop for magnificent examples of calligraphy.

The 100-yard alley known as Sahaflar Carsisi (Old Book Market), is wonderfully picturesque, with dozens of tiny shops crammed together, their wares overflowing onto display tables outside.

Some of the shops sell tacky trinkets. others concentrate on university textbooks. But several have fine collections of calligraphy and meticulously painted copies of ancient miniatures.

At the foot of the alley, one of the first shops you pass is Dilman, which has an outstanding collection of large-format books about Turkey, Islam and related subjects. Its owner, Ibrahim Manay, and his daughter Aysegul, are also experienced buyers and sellers of calligraphy. Their walls are covered with exquisite examples of this age-old art, made by

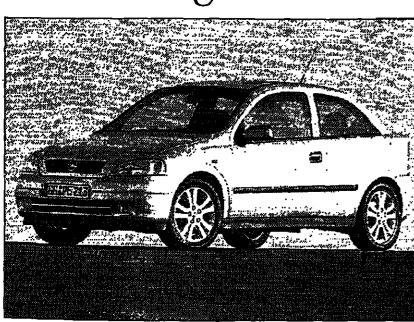
Turkish, Arabic and Persian masters. Some of the most interesting are combinations of letters drawn to resemble animals. This form developed as a way of circumventing the ban on depicting figures that was enforced in some Islamic societies. A small lion-shaped piece is \$65 framed, a larger one in the shape of a bird is \$120.

Another fascinating piece is a 100-year-old example of calligraphy on glass. Depicting a sailing vessel within which intricate lettering has been drawn against a gold-leaf background, it costs \$600. framed and ready to hang.

At the other end of the alley is the delightful Turan, founded in 1901 by the great-grandfather of the current manager, Burak Turkmenoglu. You can find splendid old Korans here, including a gloriously illuminated one from the 18th century that costs \$1,100. Individual Koran pages, many of them handsomely drawn against gold-leaf backgrounds, range from \$30 to \$300.

You might want to combine your browse through these shops with a visit to the adjacent 16th-century Beyazit Mosque and a stop at the Calligraphy Museum on the other side of Beyazit Square. At the museum, ask to see a large piece on which the background is nothing less than the entire Koran, written in tiny script by an artist who labored for seven years. (Stephen Kinzer)

Something New From GM's Opel: How the Astra Lost Its Bumps



By Gavin Green

HE best thing about the old Opel Astra was that it was cheap to make. Opel is generally reckoned to be Europe's most cost-efficient carmaker. This is obviously good news for General Motors' accountants and shareholders, but it isn't the sort of discovery that will make Astra owners spring out of bed with a smile every morning.

In fact, there was very little about the old Astra that gave owners much to celebrate. It was a willfully average car, a perfect example of built-to-a-price appliance motoring. GM-style. Everything worked. Nothing endeared. In certain areas it was positively substandard. It handled and rode as though it had concrete in its tires.

So the most surprising thing about the new Astra - all new apart from the

carryover name and some of the engines
— is that it is so pleasingly eager to

mass makers in ride and handling, but in
the past few years. Ford has changed drive. Its steering is sharp and it handles with a willingness and élan that will come as a revelation to old Astra diehards. Bumps under tire are quashed, not magnified. You may even venture out in the new Astra for the pleasure of driving, rather than purely for necessity.

The new one looks good, too, in a chunky, chiseled way. It is highshouldered, big-tired and solid-looking. And while it won't exactly turn heads it's too conservative for that - it is certainly a very professional piece of industrial design.

Mind you, the styling philosophy is quite different from that of archenemy Ford. The new Astra-rivaling Ford Focus is a much more radical-looking car, typical of Ford's newfound boldness and desire to make "statement" cars as opposed to mere transport. As with Opel. Ford used to trail Europe's indigenous

tack, to become one of Europe's most progressive makers. GM has been caught napping, and the new Astra is part one of Operation Wake Up.

The new Astra, which largely uses carryover motors. has seen improvements. The 1.8-liter model, as featured, feels almost GTi-fast, complete with a sporty twin-cam bark, yet it is economical, too. The smaller 1.4 and 1.6 models have more induction noise - they can be quite wearying on long runs. But they, too, offer pleasing economy.

THE BUCK STOPPED HERE The interior was one of the best points of the old Astra: an intriguingly curvaceous design that was nicely made. How strange, then, that while the GM bean counters approved big spending on handling/ride/steering/exterior design, the largesse stopped when it came to the inside. It is certainly roomy enough, the most spacious interior in the class. But the plastics that swathe the interior are unremittingly second-rate. So we're left with a car that is a huge

improvement over its predecessor endearing to look at, impressively roomy, and with a fine range of perky, economical motors. With just a bit more effort, a competent new car could have been an excellent one.

 Opel Astra (known as the Vauxhall Astra in Britain) 1.8 CDX. About \$25,000. Four-cylinder, 16-valve twincam engine, 1796ce, 115 bhp at 5,400 rpm. Front-wheel drive, five-speed manual transmission. Top speed: 200 kph (124 mph). Acceleration: 0-100 kph in 9.9 seconds. Average fuel consumption: 9.2 liters/100 kilometers.

Gavin Green is the editor in chief of

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Does Flying Make You Sick?

By Roger Collis

ing concern to travelers, pilots, cabin-crew unions and the authorines responsible for the health and noise in the cabin.

throat, sore eyes, sinus pressure, throb-bing head and swollen ankles. Call it airline-cabin syndrome. It's caused by sitting for hours in cramped seats with low humidity (between zero and 15 percent) and a lack of fresh air. We all know what to do even if we don't do it. Drink plenty of water, avoid alcohol, coffee and tea, which promote dehydration, and eat sparingly. And there are aerobic exercises you'll find in the back of the inflight magazine.

But worries are now being expressed about the risk of passengers and crew catching serious airborne diseases -such as nasty strains of influenza, bronchitis, tuberculosis and Legionnaires disease - because airlines are instructing pilots to save fuel by turning off one

And evidence is emerging that cabin air is dangerously contaminated with bacteria but excludes viruses. Quality of organo-phosphate gases from the chemair may come to compete with seat pitch ical breakdown of engine lubricants and of internal studies that aircraft manu-travelers in the glossy ads. facturers have known of this hazard for

mosphere inside a plane has to be ar- and the difficulty of tracking passengers tificially created. At that altitude, the after a flight and an incubation period of cabin is pressurized to 8,000 feet, the three to four days, which means that equivalent of sitting on a mountain top, except for the healthy breeze. Outside air is too cold and too thin for us to breathe. ternational standards on air quality, ex-So the aircraft ventilation systems draw cept for levels of carbon monoxide, in air and bring it to the correct temperature and pressure (by mixing hot engine air with outside cold air) and remove a lot of moisture, as high humidity can cause aircraft corrosion.

A CHANGE OF AIR Planes built before change of fresh cabin air about once every three minutes. Modern aircraft supply a mix of fresh and recirculated air, and the change rate can be as low as once every 10 minutes.

In some aircraft, such as Boeing 757s, the air is half fresh and half recycled, and this mix cannot be changed. In other Beecham and Merrill Lynch, says: "The for a \$2 million research study on cabin aircraft, such as Boeing 747s, pilots can ideal is 100 percent fresh air every three environment with independent experts." choose whether to operate the air-conditioning units at "normal" or "re-slow the flow of air down to every 12

The report is due by the end of 1999.

Some industry insiders fear that it shutting off one of the three ventilation packs completely.

AN flying make you ill—really half the amount of fresh air they bring problems from flying than ever before. Dandoxically, smoke-free flight dollars for a large airline, by cutting in more colds, more flu, more respiratory ill? This is a question of growinto the cabin — thereby recirculating 50 percent of eabin air. Turning a pack off

cockpit crew gets a separate source of cold fresh air, partly because of the heat generated by instrument panels and electrically heated windows. Pilots get about 150 cubic feet of fresh air a minute per person, first class gets 50 cfm a person, and economy gets less than 7 cfm.

The quality of recirculated air depends on the efficiency of air filters and how often they are changed, United Airlines is upgrading its fleet with new

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filters over the next six months "to provide our passengers and crew with the best-possible air quality.

The filters are said to remove at least and angle of recline and in-flight cursine A GROWING PROBLEM hydraulic fluids. It is clear from copies for the hearts and minds of business

Evidence that poor air quality may cause serious illness is mainly circum-At 30,000 feet (9,150 meters) the atpeople don't always link illness with a particular flight. Plus, there are no inozone and carbon dioxide.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration has proposed lowering the maximum concentration of carbon dioxide allowed in aircraft cabins from 30,000 parts per million to 5,000 parts. The Civil Aviation Authority in Britain will follow the early 1980s provided a complete suit this year. But that figure is still five limits for contaminants. times higher than the comfort guidelines for buildings. Pilots report that carbon dioxide levels are rarely controlled.

Health Institute in Oxford, England, a nonprofit body financed by such compa-

Airlines can save around one percent—the plane. Our member companies tell us of fuel costs, representing millions of that their frequent travelers are getting

Paradoxically, smoke-free flights may have exacerbated the problem. not only saves fuel; but also reduces. Smoke is a visible pollutant, so you nceded more fresh air to disperse it. On We all know the symptoms: a dry the air will be the same -- although the the pollution so much, so you can turn nonsmoking flights people don't notice down the air-conditioning.

Dr. Richard Dawood, an expert in London on travel medicine and author of Travelers' Health," says: "Recirculated air is filtered with varying degrees of efficiency in taking out tiny particles, depending on who you believe, the plane manufacturers or the airlines. But in the days of smoking flights you could still smell smoke in the front of the plane from recirculated air, not just smoke wafting in through the open parts, So filters may not be terribly efficient.

'The best documented cases of dis-HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) case transmission have been when the plane has been on the ground for a long time, when you don't have enough power to get any fresh air coming in -it's all recirculated. You only need a few or more of their air-conditioning packs. 99.97 percent of all air particles 0.3 of those 200 or 300 people to have a microns in size - which includes large transmittable disease and there's a moderate chance of catching it.'

Shane Enright of the civil aviation section of the International Transport Workers Federation, in London, says: We're not alarmist, but cabin air quality is a growing problem. Air quality has been deteriorating consistently year on year. There is a trend of complaints of extreme dizziness, nausea, hypoxia, or breathlessness, headache and loss of motor control, during and after flights.

There's no doubt that pilots do turn off air-conditioning packs to save fuel. but whether there are major health risks due to that is still an open question. None of the airlines will provide data on how much air is recirculated. Pilots are not obliged to report this. And except for carbon dioxide levels, there are no legal

"We're establishing a worldwide task-force to look at cabin air standards," Enright said. "There has been a move in Farrol Kahn, director of the Aviation Congress for an inquiry into air cabin quality. The outcome of that is that we have reached a deal with Boeing to put nies as Marks & Spencer, SmithKline that legislative initiative on hold in return

Some industry insiders fear that the duced" flow (reducing the amount of minutes because you're saving fuel, you Boeing report may not address the health fresh air by a half to two thirds) or expose people for a much longer time to hazards of engine contaminants, which germ droplets which normally get may prove to be the most sinister cause flushed out with waste air at the back of of ill health in the air.

TRAVEL DEALS



		AIRLINES
AIR CANADA/ ANSETT AUSTRALIA	. Asia	Aeroplan members eam double miles on flights between Sydney and Hong Kong or Osaka, Japan, and between Brisbane and Osaka. Until April 30.
AIR FRANCE	Britain to Asia	Full-flare economy and business-class passengers get an automatic up grade on flights from Britain via Pans to 11 destinations in Asia. You can star from London Heathrow, London City, Birmingham, Edinburgh, Glasgow Manchester, Newcastle or Southampton with ontvard connections to Bangkok, Beijing, Delhi, Hanoi. Ho Chi Minh City. Hong Kong, Manila Nagoya, Seoul or Tokyo. Valid for one-way or round-trip. For outbound travel before April 30
AIR NEW ZEALAND	Hong Kong to New Zealand	"Take a Mate" promotion offers two round-trip tickets for 10,999 Hong Kong dollars (\$1,420). Tickets must be booked and paid for by May 30. For departure by June 30 and return within 30 days.
AIR NEW ZEALAND/ SINGAPORE AIRLINES	Singapore to Auckland Christchurch	Fly-drive package, one way on each airline with either three days car rental from Hertz or three nights at Quality Hotels, from 1.288 Singapore dollars (\$800). Until July 31.
CONTINENTAL AIRLINES	Britain to United States	Discount of 44 percent on published business-class fares. Round-trip from Heathrow to Los Angeles or San Francisco for £2,595 (54,300) and to Washington for £2,090. No minimum stay. For travel until Sept. 30. Trail-linders, (44-171) 938-3444.
FINNAIR	London to Bangkok	Round-trip from Heathrow for £357 (5595). You must fly out on a Sunday and back on a Monday. No minimum stay. Travel must be completed by Oct 21. Trailfinders (44-171) 937-7933.
UNITED AIRLINES	London to Los Angeles	Round-trip for £551 (\$915). Must stay a Saturday night. For travel between July 1 and Aug. 31. The Travel Bug (44-990) 737-747
	ua.	HERE TO STAY
GRAND HYATT	Hong Kong	"Supersaver" rate single/double for 1,950 Hong Kong dollars (\$250) a night (Garden View). 2,250 dollars (Harbor View): includes shuttle service to business/shopping districts; entry to JJ's Entertainment Center and 6 P.M. check-out. Until Sept. 20.
HYATT REGENCY	: Sanctuary Cove, Queensland, Australia	"Great Escape" package for 99 Australian dollars (\$65) a person a night in "deluxe" room includes buffet breaklast, use of recreation club with sauna/spa, heated pool and gymnasium; "Unlimited Golf" package for 150 Australian dollars a person includes unlimited golf with electric cart. Until Dec. 20.
JURY'S HOTELS	Britain and Ireland	Hotels in Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Waterlord, London, Bristol, Cardiff, Glasgow offer a 50 percent discount on Sunday nights. Until Aug. 31. Must book through Central Reservations on (353-1) 607-0000 quoting "Values Offer"
THE PIERRE	· New York	Summer rates of \$325 for a "superior" room or \$390 for a "deluxe" room single or double occupancy. Children under 18 stay free. From June 26 to Aug. 31.
QUAIL LODGE	Carmel Valley. California	"Golfers Holiday" packages include golf with use of cart and driving range. Prices per person (single or double) for three nights is \$673: two nights \$474; one night, \$289. Until Dec. 31.
SHANGRI-LA	Singapore	"Garden Wing" rooms for 299 Singapore dollars (\$185) a night; "Valley Wing" rooms for 329 dollars a night include breakfast, fruit basket and newspaper, two suit pressings on arrival. Until April 30.

GUIDE

BILGIUM

De Munt, tel: 229-12-00. Antonio Pappano conducts "Parsifal." With Cornelia Kallish. April 10, 14, 16, 19. 22 and 25.

OSTEND

Museum voor Moderne Kunst, tel: (59) 56-45-99, closed Mondays. To June 28: "Rene Magritte exhibition focuses on the influence of Magritte's ideas on worldwide artists of the 1980s and '90s. Features works by Louise Bourgeois. Tony Cragg, Luciano Fabro and Xiao Gang Zhang.

BRITAIN

Burrell Collection, tel: (141) 331-

1854, closed Tuesdays. To May 31: "Heritage Regained: Silver From the Gilbert Collection." Approximately 40 pieces of silver and silver-gilt dating from the 15th to the 19th century, with a strong selection of works by English Georgian masters.

Design Museum, tel: (171) 378-6055, open daily. To Aug. 31: "Ferdinand Porsche: Design Dynasty." Ferdinand Porsche's con-tribution to vehicle design includes everything from fire engines, compact cars and amphibious cars to destroyer tanks. His most famous contribution was the Volkswagen Beetle. The exhibition brings together cars, scale models, drawings and photographs.

Ings and photographs.

National Gallery, tel: (171) 747-2885, open daily, closed Good Friday, To May 31: "Henry Moore and the National Gallery." Brings together a tew paintings that Henry Moore telt deeply about when he was a visitor to the gallery, and later became a trustee. Also features maquettes of his sculptures that show parallels with paintings in the show parallels with paintings in the

Royal Festival Hall, tel: (171) 960-4242. The Royal Opera in a concert performance of "Parsifal." Bernard Haltink is conducting with Placido Domingo as Parsifal. April 23, 28,

FRANCE

Grand Palais, tel: 01-44-13-17-17, closed Tuesdays. To July 20: "Delacroix: Les Demieres Annees, 1850-1863." More than 110 paintings and drawings created by the French painter (1798-1863) during his last years: They depict animals and hunting scenes, landscapes and still lifes, literary and religious themes and Moroccan impres-

Mona Bismarck Foundation, lel: 01-47-23-38-88, closed Sundays and Mondays. To May 16: "Alexandre Francois Despones: Tableaux de Chasse, 1661-1743, More than 50 hurring scenes and still lifes by the French 18th-century painter whose Work was commissioned by Louis XIV and Louis XV, and their entourages.
Musee Cernuschi, tel: 01-45-63-50-75, closed Mondays and holidays. To June 22: "Henri Cernusrectionneur." A selection of more than 130 pieces acquired by the trailing born banker during his visit to Asla in the early 1870s. The to Asla in the early 1870s are the trailing brings together illusers. chi (1821-1896): Voyageur et Collectionneur." A selection of more



NETHERLANDS

Amsterdams Historisch Mu-seum, tel: (20) 523-1822, open daily. To Nov. 1: "A City Down the Years: Amsterdam 1880-1998."

An interactive tour of Amsterdam shapes and sounds, from the fin-

de-siècle period to the 1920s and

'30s, to the Occupation, and the social and architectural develop-

Rijksmuseum, tel: (20) 673-21-21, open daily. To Aug. 30: "From Tempera to Oil Painting: Changes

in Venetian Painting." Documents

the technical innovations that

changed the style of Venetian

paintings between 1460 and 1560;

the switch from egg tempera to oil painting and the use of canvas in-

stead of wood. Features works by Carlo Crivelli, Veronese, Porden-

one and Tintoretto.

tas and sketch books.

artistic revolution of the early 20th

century with paintings by the Rus-

SPAIN

BARCELONA

ments of the past 30 years.

Painting by Alexandre-Francois Desportes, in Paris. trated books, porcelains, ceramics trip to Rome, where he worked on decors, stage curtains and cos-tumes for the Ballets Russes.

AMSTERDAM

and Edo bronzes from Japan, as well as Chinese bronzes.
Opera Bastille, lel: 01-43-43-96-96. A new production of Alban Berg's "Lulu." Directed by Willy Decker, conducted by Dennis Russell Davies. Anna Kathanna Behnke sings Lulu. April 12, 18, 22,

GERMANY

Deutsche Oper Berlin, (el. (30) 34-38-401. "Parsital," directed by Gotz Friedrich and conducted by Christian Thielemann, with Gosta Winbergh in the title role, Matti Salminen and Violeta Urmana.

FRANKFURT Fotografie Forum International, tel: (69) 29-17-26, closed Mondays. To May 10: "La Cote d'Azur de Jacques-Henri Lartigue." Lartigue (1894-1986) captured in his black-and-white photographs the life of the elegant and famous on the Riviera - the villas, hotels. spas, clubs and casings - as well as panoramic views of the French coast and scenes of his domest life. The exhibition features 170 works.

ITALY

Forte Belvedere, tel: (55) 24-11-77, closed Tuesdays. To Aug. 10: "Beverly Pepper." A 30-year relrespective of sculptures, models drawings and photographs by the American sculptor (born 1922). Her works have evolved through the use of iron and steel to her more recent monumental sentinels in open spaces.

Palazzo Grassi, 181: (41) 522-

1914 and Schonberg concerts.

phe Ducros." A selection of watercolors by the Swiss watercolorist and engraver (1748-1810). While sojourning in Italy at the end of the 18th century, Ducros attracted the attention of wealthy English travelers who took home his depictions of ancient and contempor-

UNITEDSTATES

BALTIMORE Watters Gallery, tel: (410) 547-9000, closed Mondays. To May 31: "Monel: Late Paintings of Giverny From the Musee Marmottan." Admired for his early classic impres-sionist paintings. Monet (1840-1926) later lavored the depiction of nls own flower gardens and water tily pond at Giverny. Features 22 paintings on loan from the Paris

Los Angeles Getty Center, lel: (310) 440-7360, closed Mondays and major holidays. To June 28: "Framing the Asian Shore: Nineteenth-Century Photographs of the Ottoman Emtographs dating from 1852 to the early 20th century, reflecting the transformation of the Ottoman Empire into the Republic of Tur-

key. Music Center, 1ei: (213) 972: 8001. Jonathan Miller directs and Evelino Pido conducts "Don Giovanni." Dwayne Croft makes his Los Angeles debut as Don Juan, with Jane Eaglen and Sally Wolf as

SAN FRANCISCO San Francisco Mu em Art (SFMOMA), tel: (415) 357-4000, closed Mondays. To June 23: "A. G. Rizzoli: Architect of Magnificent Visions." The drawings by Achilles G. Rizzoll (1896-1981) reveal the secret obsession of the artist who worked at what he considered a divinely inspired project: the representation of a new world in ink drawings on rag paper and graphite works. Rizzoli combined

words with drawings to create

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plans for an imaginary city.

Washington National Museum of American Art, tel: (202) 357-2247, home Museu d'Art Contemporani, tel: page: www.nmaa.si.edu, open daily, To Aug. 9: "Posters Amer-ican Style," From circus and lit-(93) 412-08-10, closed Mondays. To June 21: "Miquel Barcelo, 1987-1997." Approximately 200 works locused on the artist's creations erary posters of the 1890s and U.S. government-sponsored war over the past 10 years, when he posters, to rock concert works of traveled to the Sahara. Includes the 1960s, protest images of the large-size paintings, drawings, 70s to new designs of the '90s. gouaches, watercolors, terra-cot-

CLOSING SOON

SWITZERLAND April 12: "The Jewels of Lalique Cooper-Hewitt National Design Fondation Beyeler, tel: (61) 645-Museum, New York. 9700. To May 3: 'Colors — Sounds." In 1911, Wassily Kand-April 12: "Marie Laurencin." Hiroshima Museum of Art, Jainsky attended a performance of pan. April 13: "The Art Treasures of Amold Schonberg's works in Munich, following which he painted his England " Royal Academy of "Impression 3 (Concert)." The ex-Arts, London. April 13: "Eduardo Arroyo." Museo Nacional Centro de Arte hibition gives an insight into the

sian painter dating from 1908 to . MERCURY RISING

glints through one action equivalent of a sheepishly guilty shrug. It acknowledges that the star knows that we know that what's happening on the screen is just a crock. But hey! There are worse ways to make a living than being a movie star, aren't there? job of being an action hero, and it sure beats whatever. The even here, he conveys a certain whatever Willis plays in the latent pleasure. Someone's got hugely expensive, weakly for- to do the dirty job of cutting mulaic "Mercury Rising," is a disgraced FBI agent named Art Jeffries who is sidelined into a schlock job for caring it sure beats whatever. too much about the bank robbers he was spying on in an undercover operation that went lethally awry. Art stumbles onto a plot involving a government secret code that is accidentally cracked by an autistic 9-year-old savant named Simon (Miko Hughes). look like a murder-suicide, Art is dispatched to find their missing child. Once he has wrested Simon out of a hiding

silly drama, Nicholas Kudrow

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(Stephen Holden, NYT) LOST IN SPACE "Lost in Space" jertisons the After Simon's parents have hopes of bringing cosmic rel-been slain in what is made to evance and modern dazzle to

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Directed by Stephen Hopkins.

silver suits and sheer innocence of the '60s TV series in this nostalgic kitsch. The filmmakers never stopped to think that the old program's appeal was in its insanely chipper cast rogate daddy and protector for space effects. Boasting statethe boy, who is in mortal peril. of-the-art gimeracks and a sol-

Musee des Beeux-Arts, tel: (21)
312-83-32, closed Mondays. To
June 21: "Abraham-Louis-Rodolamused little twinkle that mission control forgot to
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doesn't make a movie, char-

GUIDE

If a 9-year-old child can de- id cast, the motion picture lifts acters do. And as so often hap-

Directed by Harold Becker. cipher a supposedly impenet- off easily enough. Only it's pens with such outsize underrable code that reveals the not long before you realize takings, they are over-(Rita Kempley, WP)

JUNK MAIL

Directed by Pal Sletanne. Norway. Unexpected intimacies occur throughout 'Junk Mail,' as who tampers with letters.

is a sense of privacy being invaded. That sense is made more acuse with the arrival of Roy (Robert Skjaerstad), a bored mailman in Oslo who orialize while doing his job. sonal mail steamed open and gifted veterans of the science- covered with spaghetti stains as signs of Roy's ill humor in prise that writer Akiva Golds- this sleek, agile quasi-thrillman and much of the crew are er. Modest in scope but made does seem in order. Director is enhanced by its sense of mal enough to make Aki place, the agent becomes a sur- and its primitive, pre-hyper- - \$70 million worth - with Kaurismaki's Finland look panache. But hardware merry by comparison.

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O New York Times/Edited by Will Shortz.

For Clinton, a Personal Investment in the Success of the Ulster Peace Talks

By Tyler Marshall Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON - On St. Patrick's Day, President Bill Clinton invited an array of political leaders to a White House reception marking the Irish holiday. Although the event celebrated Irish heritage, it also had a clear, calculated political purpose. Not by chance, the guest list that night included most key participants in the Northern Ireland peace talks, and Mr. Clinton seized the chance to press personally for agreement.

"He spoke without notes, and you could feel the energy and emotion," recalled an Irish diplomat, who added that Mr. Clinton made a "heartfelt" plea for the negotiators "to have the courage, to go the extra mile for peace."

"The atmosphere was electric," the diplomat

The occasion -- coupled with almost two days of concentrated one-on-one talks at the White House about Northern Ireland that preceded the of urgency to the negotiations. He has held out the

Clinton and his most senior foreign affairs advisors have made in the latest phase of the search

for peace in Ulster. Under a deadline imposed by participants, the talks were to end, in success or failure, by mid-

Partly because the fate of Northern Ireland is hardly crucial to U.S. global interests, the extent of Mr. Clinton's role has gone largely unnoticed. But those involved say he has proved vital to making the current 22-month-old peace effort probably the best chance in a generation for ending the waves of sectarian violence that have the are are poisoned normal life in Northern Ireland.

Unlike its involvement in the Middle East peace process, the United States has not been actively involved in developing details of possible compromises. Instead, Mr. Clinton has pressured the parties to reach an agreement, injecting a sense

a finish line without indicating where that finish line was," an administration official said.

Just why the administration has devoted such resources to the conflict between Roman Catholics and Protestants, which has sputtered on in one form or another for nearly 300 years, is unclear. A White House official insisted that the conflict did matter to the United States, noting a political means exists for their long-term goal of that it constituted a major security distraction for Britain, America's closest Atlantic ally, and that Irish nationalism quickly spilled into U.S. do-

"There are 40 million Americans of Irish descent," the official said. "This is not your normal foreign piece of land."

The personal involvement by Mr. Clinton who traces his own roots in part to Ireland - has catalyzed U.S. efforts across a broad front. These

are among them: · After a bitter internal fight in the admin-

United States — and the White House — in heads an Ulster Unionist Party contact bureau March 1994. Although opposed by then-Section of State Warman of the retary of State Warman of the r

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Mr. Clinton and senior administration officials achieving a united Ireland. • In another unusual move, Mr. Climon became the first president to engage leaders of

leaders, who want to maintain the province's creased the next year, when David Trimble took

over as head of the Ulster Unionist Party.

These contacts altered the long-standing U.S.
image in Protestant eyes as hopelessly biased in

"He was hailed as the peacemak source who witnessed the reception.

reception — offers merely one example of the prospect of U.S. economic support if they do. istration, Mr. Clinton personally approved a visa favor of Irish nationalism and the IRA. "We feel enormous investment of time and energy Mr. "It's been a bit like herding the crowd toward for Gerry Adams, leader of Circle Adam for Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, the Irish there's been a growing understanding of the Republican Army's political wing, to visit the United States—and the White Property of the United States — and the White Propert

serious strains on U.S.-British relations, the visit by Mr. Adams is now seen as a major factor. by Mr. Adams is now seen as a major factor in ator, has no direct link to the administration, both have encouraged and supported his work.

Mr. Clinton's strong emotional attachment to the issue has been made clear on occasions like the St. Patrick's Day reception. Once asked about the single best day of his presidency, he replied nity in substantive dialogue. Talks with Protestant that it was in his late autumn visit in 1995 to Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic, where he was met by large, enthusiastic crowds convinced united Ireland, began in summer 1994 and inhe had already played an important role in establishing a cease-fire that temporarily halted

"He was hailed as the peacemaker." said a

U.S. Unable to Confirm Karadzic Will Surrender

WASHINGTON - The United States said Thursday that the international community was "tightening the noose around the neck of Radovan Karadzic," the former Bosnian Serb have fled into hiding outside Bosnia. leader, but that it could not confirm that negotiations were going on for his surrender to a UN court.

The State Department spokesman, James Rubin, was responding to a report from London that Mr. Karadzic, the most-wanted war crimes suspect of the Bosnian war, was seeking terms for his surrender to the international tribunal in

"As far as any separate negotiations are concerned, if they're occurring, it's up to the tribunal to talk about them," Mr. Rubin said. "We hear reports of this

Death Toll Nears 100 In Algerian Attacks **During Feast Week**

PARIS - Nearly 100 civilians and Islamic rebels have been killed in Algeria as the country celebrates the Muslim Feast of Sacrifice this week. Algerian newspapers said on Thursday.

Security forces earlier announced that 52 civilians had had their throats cut in attacks on villages and an outlying suburb of Arzew town, Algeria's main oil and gas export outlet in the northwest.

A total of 36 died during Sunday night and 16 overnight on Tuesday and Wed-

of Arzew on Tuesday night.

Among the 28 people they and several women, one of whom was

adding that the only survivor was a 10year-old child "whose throat had been clumsily cut."

In another attack the same night in Bir Ben Abed commune in Medea province south of Algiers, between 15 and 20 rebels attacked two houses on the edge of a village, killing a total of 12 people. One family was killed by a bomb planted outside their house.

'A gun battle took place with the university graduates, 70 percent want to

'The terrorists then mercilessly set on them with knives and axes, killing five children and several women."

Another newspaper, L'Authentique, said five farm workers aged 18 to 30, who had been kidnapped last weekend, were found dead on Tuesday in the Fekane area, 300 kilometers (190 miles) southwest of Algiers.

The newspaper Khabar said eight more people were killed on Sunday in Sidi Hadirus south of M'sila and four more in Bousaada district.

El Watan said security forces had killed 40 "terrorists."

from time to time, and many times they turn out to be smoke and no fire, so to

Western officials in Pale, Mr. Karadzic's base, said Wednesday that he might

The French daily newspaper Le Monde reported that he was now in an East European country, possibly Be-

Mr. Rubin, speaking at a news con-ference, said that the Clinton administration in general was prepared to accept whatever terms the tribunal in The Hague might negotiate with the former Bosnian Serb leader.

Mr. Karadzic's scope for action was constantly being reduced, Mr. Rubin

"Certainly, the international community is tightening the noose around the neck of Mr. Karadzic by shrinking his political space, shrinking his power base, shrinking his ability to operate and increasing the power and political space for moderate Bosnian Serbs," he added.

A Western diplomat in London said

that the negotiating process had been going on for some time and that Mr. Karadzic could be giving himself up to

the tribunal in "days or weeks."

In the latest strike against Karadzic supporters. NATO-led troops arrested two Bosnian Serb war crimes suspects on Wednesday and flew them early Thursday to custody in The Hague, where they were jailed.



The Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble, right, and party delegates studying a copy of the draft peace settlement Thursday in Belfast.

ULSTER: Deadline Looms

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The strongest force pushing toward agreement was a widely shared fear of a return to the three decades of sectarian fighting that turned Northern Ireland into a war zone and left some 3,200 people

Street armies representing Protestants on one side and Roman Catholics on the other have waged a tit-for-tat terrorist straggle. The victims have ranged from pensioners in wheelchairs to a pregnant woman walking through a shopping

Opinion polls show that a large majority of the population wants to see a peace agreement come from the present

But memories are long in Ireland, and the decades of outright hatred make it harder for the parties to agree. "We need to find the courage to trust each other," said Professor Anthony Alcock, a historian who is a negotiator for the Progressive Unionist Party.

Trust has been in short supply, though, in this province of 1.6 million people where neighborhoods, public buildings and even churches are surrounded by bullet-pocked concrete walls topped with menacing bales of barbed

The red brick walls of Belfast's neighborhoods are marked with brightly colored murals honoring the memory of gunmen and bombers killed in the terrorist battles.

On Rise in U.S. South: Israeli Bible Bread'

Bloomberg News

MIAMI — For the Israeli en-trepreneur Dani Yasoor, who bottled Jordan River water and sold it to Christians in the United States, it only made sense to take another food associated with the Holy Land — unleavened bread — and sell it in the Southern Bible Belt.

Mr. Yasoor, a food importer and a partner in Galilee Splendor Ltd. of Miami, is seeking to turn matzo into a hit with Christians. Calling his crackers Bible Bread, he flavored them with honey, poppy seeds and garlic, pitching them as the "orig-inal fast food."

With limited distribution and heavy promotional spending, Bible Bread had sales of \$120,000 in eight months. The product sells for about \$2.75 a 7-ounce box.

"The connection to the Bible and those who are reading the Word, that's what people like," said Denise Peters, a Bible Bread buyer from Dothan, Alabama, and frequent leader of tour groups to Israel.

Bible Bread is modeled after the unleavened bread the Hebrews baked as they left Egypt. In their haste to leave the nation that enslaved them. the Hebrews did not let the bread rise. Jews commemorate the Exodus during Passover by eating the flat bread, known as matzo. Passover's eight days begin Friday night. The response to Bible Bread from

visiting church groups was positive.
"They felt they were taking a bite out of history," Mr. Yasoor said.

IRAQ: Report by UN Experts Assails Iraq for 'Incomplete and Inadequate' Disclosures of Biological Weapons

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Describing one raid, the newspaper executive chairman of Unscom, have argued that Watan said 15 "terrorists" attacked four there were no such restrictions on access contained in families living on a farm on the outskirts the February accord. UN inspectors treated the visits to the sites as preliminary or "baseline" inspections and expected follow-up visits later, with less fanfare slaughtered were a 4-month-old baby and less notice. If Iraq concludes otherwise, the stage

would be set for another confrontation. Four of the women were raped before their throats were cut, said El Watan.

The report on biological weapons, sent to the Security Council Wednesday by Mr. Butler, was one of four ordered in January, when Iraqi defiance of arms inspections had reached a crisis point. Experts on chemical weapons and missiles reached similar conclusions.

stand on all Iraqi weapons systems that must be never found them credible. eliminated before sanctions can be lifted will also go to the Security Council next week, giving diphave had for most other reviews.

Iraq had denied that it possessed biological allow the review to be too rigorous. weapons. But in August of that year the defection to Jordan of Saddam Hussein's son-in-law and former not include within its technical team a full range of arms minister, Hussein Kamel, led to the "dis- technical and managerial expertise to enable most covery" of damning documents the Iraqis said of the technical issues to be fully examined." were found on the defector's chicken farm.

Since then, Iraq has made several "full, final and add to existing documentation. complete disclosures" about the biological pro-

A comprehensive account of where inspections gram, the last in September 1997. Experts have current status of biological weapons programs or

lomats more documents to work with than they reaches the same conclusion. Moreover, the foreign experts, including Russian and Chinese scientists, From the end of the Gulf War in 1991 until 1995, appear to have sensed that Iraq did not intend to

> The experts report says that the Iraqi side "did Iraq produced no new technical information to

Iraqis also did not offer information on either the plausible.'

cape the crowds.

state conclusively when such projects were terminated if they no longer existed. Missing from Iraqi documentation was infor-

mation about Al Hazen Institute, a biological and

chemical research center belonging to one of Iraq's numerous intelligence agencies. The Iraqis told the foreign experts that the institute had been destroyed

"Current information makes this assertion dif-

ficult to accept," the report said. Purchases of viral, fungal and mycotoxin strains are not explained, the report noted, adding that the Iraqi account of aflatoxin production was "im-

MOROCCO: Inroads by Militant Islamists

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second family, which ran out of ammunition after about an hour," El Watan for most young people "abroad" means for most young people "abroad" means Western Europe or the United States. By the standards of Algeria across the

border, where Islamists are fighting to overthrow the government, the Moroccans are low key and moderate and have avoided any suggestion of violence. But the example of Algeria, with its

continuing massacres of civilians, has shaken many Moroccans. People here insist that such havoc cannot happen in this stable nation, where for 37 years ing the question: Does militant Islam King Hassan II has demonstrated his considerable political skills.

"Morocco is basically conservative and "Morocco is basically conserv

Moreover, the argument goes, Morocco is already an Islamic state with a king who is both the political and the

spiritual leader and claims to be a descendant of Mohammed. But the Justice and Charity movement

refuses to recognize the king as the religious leader, which is tantamount to b<u>lasphemy here. Abdessalam Yassine,</u> the movement's founder, once mocked King Hassan, calling him "my dear nephew of the Prophet." The movement contends that Islam

and its rites have been corrupted and must be returned to a purer state. In interviews, the king and palace officials dismiss the importance of fundamentalism, but its rise keeps prompt-

pacifist," said a Middle Eastern diplomat. 'Militant Islamists are not now threatening

the stability of the country, but they are clearly preparing for the future." The clearest signal that the militants are taken seriously among the 28 million

Moroccans is the government's response: Justice and Charity wants to be recognized as a political party and to take part in elections, but the palace has refused. arrest and barred from making public

fairs and the police watch members and clerics, even inside the mosques. The government has urged another, more moderate Islamic group - Reform and Renewal - to join a small political party that won nine Parliament seats in December. Some people see this as a deft move to divide the Islamists.

statements. The Ministry of Religious Af-

There have been tensions at the universities, above all in Casablanca. With 34,000 students. Casablanca's university is Morocco's largest and serves as a political barometer. It used to be a center of Marxist activism until the Muslim militants took over the student groups.

At the large campus on the edge of town, there are no posters or banners, and students in jeans and sweaters mingle easily with those in long Arab robes and head scarves. In interviews, though, students and teachers said that while a few years ago students had practically stopped Hanoi. covering their heads, there had been a noticeable rise in the use of scarves.

Miss Maadi and her friends said many students were frustrated. "I feel I'm Hayden and the actress Jane Fonda, who living in the middle of a traffic jam and I cannot get out," a young man said.

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Paris to Muster More Police

PARIS -- Interior Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement announced Thursday that more police officers would be put on the streets of Paris at the end of the year, primarily to

Mr. Chevenement and Philippe Massoni, the chief of the police force, said the force would be called the "urban police of proximity." It will be composed of 5,350 policemen in uniform and 750 officers in civilian clothes to be redeployed from among the 300 police stations in the capital.

The force will be responsible for investigating minor crimes but also

HAJJ: Stampede Kills 150 Mecca Pilgrims

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Urdu for pilgrims to move along quickly. Other policemen, wielding riot sticks, made room for pilgrims wanting to es-

The deaths were the latest tragedy to befall the hajj, which in the past has been to transport pilgrims to Mina. marred by stampedes, fires and political protests that turned violent.

Last year, fires driven by high winds tent city at Mina, trapping and killing emergency help.

Since Thursday was the last day of the

In 1994, a total of 270 pilgrims, most of them Indonesians, were killed in a similar stampede at the site. In the worst

were killed in 1990 in a stampede in an overcrowded pedestrian tunnel leading to holy sites in Mecca.

Until Thursday, Saudi officials had

praised the smooth running of this year's

To cope with the crowds, authorities commissioned more than 20,000 buses

Saudi authorities set up 6,000 hospital beds and called in more than 10,00 doctors to attend to the sick. Dozens of first tore through a sprawling, overcrowded aid workers rode motorbikes to provide

hajj, by evening, thousands of pilgrims were making their way to circle the

Kaaba to end their pilgrimage.
The Kaaba, a cube-like structure at the tragedy, 1,426 pilgrims, many of them Grand Mosque in Mecca, is considered Malaysians, Indonesian and Pakistanis, the spiritual center of Islam.

TOO MUCH: Vitamin C Dosage Risks?

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ers." In contrast, vitamin C naturally present in food, he said, has no oxidizing effects.

Vitamin C supplements in large doses have been linked to genetic damage as far back as the mid-1970s. In a study then, Canadian researchers found that use of the vitamin in doses larger than in the British study, but not much larger than the amounts some people take to ward off colds and the flu, damaged genetic material in three systems: bacterial cells, human cells grown in test tubes, and live mice.

Podmore, said that at 500 milligrams, vitamin C did act as an antioxidant on one part of the DNA, the guanine bases. Oxidation of guanine to oxoguanine is what is usually measured to determine the degree of DNA damage through oxidation.

As expected, when the volunteers took a daily 500-milligram dose of vit- effect. amin C for six weeks, oxoguanine levels declined, "which is why vitamin C is generally thought to be an antioxidant, "Dr. Podmore said.

But when they measured a second

indicator of DNA oxidation, oxoaden-

said. A colleague, Joseph Lunec, said that at the 500-milligram level, vitamin C's "protective effect dominated, but

there was also a damaging effect."

'There should be caution about taking too much vitamin C," Dr. Lunec said. "The normal healthy individual would not need to take supplements of

In the United States and Britain alike, the recommended daily intake of vitamin C for healthy adults is 60 milligrams, which can be easily obtained from foods — by drinking about six ounces of orange juice, for example. Larger amounts are recommended for The lead author of the new study, Ian smokers and for pregnant and lactating women, but even these amounts can be readily obtained from foods.

Dr. Lunec took issue with Linus Pauling, the Nobel laureate chemist who took 12,000 milligrams of vitamin C daily and suggested that people could take as much of it as they wanted with no ill

the least," Dr. Lunec said. "You can have too much of a good thing." Researchers are now studying the effects of lower doses of vitamin C, "to sec if we can maximize the protective effect ine, the researchers found that it had risen and minimize the damage," Dr. Lunec rather than declined, "indicating genetic said. Given the new finding, "it would damage to this DNA base," Dr. Podmore be unethical to test higher levels."

"We think that's not the case, to say

Against Petty Street Crime The Associated Press

fight petty crime.

for policing demonstrations and guarding buildings.

RADIO: 'Hanoi Hannah' Told GIs That Vietnam War 'Wasn't Theirs' Continued from Page 1

Mr. Yassine, who is close to 70 and has an alias that translates as Autumn Frabeen in and out of jail, is under house grance. Then she would play a melarrest and barred from making public ancholy song ("Where Have All the statements. The Ministry of Religious Af-Flowers Gone?" was a favorite), read news of anti-war protests back in America and, on Fridays, read names of Americans killed in action from the U.S. mil-

itary newspaper Stars and Stripes. My goal was to tell GIs they shouldn't participate in a war that wasn't theirs," she says now. "I tried to be friendly and convincing. I didn't want to be shrill or aggressive. For instance, I referred to the Americans as the adversary. I never called them the en-

Her scripts were written by propagandists in the North Vietnamese army who lifted their material from articles in magazines such as Time and Newsweek and newspapers such as The New York Times that North Vietnamese diplomats stationed abroad had sent home. Sometimes members of the U.S.-based antiwar movement brought the articles to

Mrs. Ngo smiled as she recalled the activists she had befriended, among them the one-time student radical Tom was married to Mr. Hayden for a time. "They were very helpful," she said,

themselves, not Americans." She paused, perplexed. "You know.

I heard that some years ago she made an apology in the United States for coming to Hanoi during the war. Is that true?"

Ten years ago, Ms. Fonda made a single engagement. televised apology to Vietnam veterans and their families for her 1972 visit, selves did not trust the news they heard during which she was infamously photographed at a North Vietnamese gun emplacement.

In many ways, Mrs. Ngo seemed an unlikely candidate to become the voice itary, for their news of the war. of communism. She grew up in Hanoi under French colonialism, the daughter of a prosperous glass-factory owner. She took private English lessons and perfected her command of the language watching French-subtitled Hollywood movies including "Gone With the

Wind.' After working as a volunteer at the Voice of Vietnam, she was chosen in 1965, largely because of her unaccented English, to begin broadcasting to U.S. troops as Thu Huong.
"Yes," she recalled, "I wanted to

make them a little bit homesick." It wasn't until several years later that

"in helping us explain to the GIs why the war should be solved by the Vietnamese named her Hanoi Hannah.

The trouble for Hanoi Hannah - as She paused, perplexed. "You know, she said, "Jane Fonda never came back at all after the war. I wonder why. She'd dad Betty — was that her broadcasts weren't very credible. The reports were also wildly exaggerated, announcing annihilations of entire U.S. divisions and losses of hundreds of U.S. planes in a

on the Voice of Vietnam. If they spoke English, they tuned to the Voice of America, the BBC or Armed Forces Radio, a network run by the U.S. mil-

Now, with her broadcasting career winding down and herself having recovered from a motor-scooter accident that had left her laid up for two weeks, Mrs. Ngo says she hopes one day soon to

"San Francisco has always been a dream." she says. "And the Golden Gate Bridge and Hollywood, I'd love to

to former Gls, what would she say? "That's easy. I'd tell them: 'Let's let bygones be bygones. Let's move on and be friends. TRNATIONAL MANAG

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The world will look to Washington for more than rhetoric the next time ue face a challenge to peace or, as in the case of the Asian financial crists connormic stability. Mr. Holbrook writes at the end of his book, which is an indirect but broad challenge in the way U.S. foreign policy is now being conducted. One cannot have a global economic policy without a political and strategic Vision to accompany at

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Foreign Consumer-Products Companies See Signs of a Chill in India

By Kenneth J. Cooper Sushington Past Service

NEW DELHI - Even as the new government seeks to reassure foreign investors that they are still welcome in India, Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha is at best sending mixed signals to multinational companies that sell consumer products and might pose a competitive threat to domestic industries.

When India's insular, centrally controlled economy was opened wider in 1991, multinationals rushed to the world's second most populous country. attracted by potential customers estimated at more than 200 million of the country's 900 million people. The United States has led the way, with American corporations investing more in India

than businesses from any other nation. But a new coalition government led by the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party has preached self-reliance and vowed to discourage foreign investment in the consumer-goods area. The government, installed last month, appears to

be still deciding how to carry out its investment policy under Mr. Sinha, a moderate who was finance minister for another coalition government at the start of this decade. Government officials have unequivocally solicited billions of dollars in international investment to advance

ports and shore up the country's power plants, roads and ports. Mr. Sinha has argued that the govemment's desire to channel private in-

high-technology industries, increase ex-

areas," as the new government calls them, should overshadow its resistance to opening the consumer market further.

We have a very positive attitude, a very helpful attitude, a very encouraging attitude" toward foreign investment, Mr. Sinha said in a recent interview, "and we should not be judged merely by the fact we are saying, 'All right, we will not have foreign invest-ment in this particular sector.

But at another point in the interview, Mr. Sinha adopted a more negative view, saying foreign investment in the past seven years had "done very little good" and "only created more problems," such as raising material aspirations that poor people will not be able to fulfill. Officials have stated two reasons for

vestment from overseas into such "core discouraging foreign investment in consumer products: After decades of protectionism. Indian companies are said to be so unprepared for competition that many would go out of business; and, second, the government wants to constrain consumer buying so that disparities between the rich and poor are less apparent.

> 'We cannot have a society where we have islands of very high consumption and vast seas of deprivation and poverty," Mr. Sinha said. "Therefore, there has to be some choice as far as consumption patterns are concerned." The reactions of U.S. companies op-

erating in India have been cautious but hopeful. While they await specific policies, several executives said they hoped that the government of Prime Minstable than two previous ones and would live up to a promise to speed bureaucratic approvals, which are a significant brake on doing business in India.

"There has been a see-saw in political statements made," said a business leader who asked not to be identified. We haven't seen any policy statements initiated. Consumer goods always get to be the whipping boy."

The new policy has heartened some U.S. companies. "I'm easy. I'm in the infrastructure business, so it's not conpresident of Bechtel Group Inc., which is involved in energy projects in India.

Most of the \$11 billion in U.S. investment approved since 1991 has been concentrated in "core areas," with 40 oil refining and 20 percent for telecommunications or electrical equipment. Of . the \$11 billion approved, U.S. companies had actually invested only \$1.4 bil- . lion through last September, largely be-

cause of bureaucratic bottlenecks. For multinational companies aiready selling consumer products in India, the new government has sent one reassuring signal by pledging that they can continue to operate in the country.

"We are not going to renege on any of our commitments," Mr. Sinha said. He and Mr. Vajpayee both have indicated. that the new government will not reject all foreign investment in consumer goods. "I'm not saving we will prevent" it, the finance minister said, but he added, "We are saying, 'We don't want it.'"

agreeing to new rescue measures for the

much as the commission is demanding.

the EU could order Credit Lyonnais to

repay the 6.6 billion francs of aid it has

received since 1995, when the first bail-

the EU has increased as France has

poured successively larger sums into a

state is likely to lose at least 100 billion

francs on the sale of Credit Lyonnais

assets that it took over in 1995. That

would be more than double the 45 bil-

lion-franc loss the EU accepted then.

Assessing the exact loss is difficult, as

those assets have not all been sold yet.

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Credit Lyonnais, once Europe's

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On top of these direct subsidies, the

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If the government refuses to sell as -

Hyundai Sets Big Layoffs As Domestic Sales Slump

20% of Work Force to Be Cut Under New Law

SEOUL — Hyundai Motor Company, South Korea's largest carmaker, announced plans Thursday to cut its 30,000-member work force by 20 per-

Hyundai is the first major conglom-erate to announce layoffs since South Korea adopted a labor law in February under pressure from the International Monetary Fund. The law gives debr-ridden businesses greater freedom to trim their work forces to become more competitive.

Hyundai's labor union called a protest rally for Friday. The Confederation of Trade Unions, an umbrella group, threatened nationwide strikes.

But Hyundai insisted it had no choice. "Layoffs have become inevitable because of sharp drops in our sales," said a spokesman, Shin Dong Ho.

Hyundai's domestic sales during the first quarter of this year dropped 50.8 percent to 64,000 units from a year earlier, while exports rose 19 percent to 124,000 units.

In return for \$58 billion in rescue loans, the IMF required South Korea to make its labor market flexible to reattract foreign investors, whose flight from Seoul late last year set off a financial crisis.

South Koreans have begun making cutbacks since the IMF bailout in December. The car industry has been one of the hardest hit.

Undi the new lador law, layotis dad approval of labor unions or a court. Despite the law, Hyundai said it was negotiating the layoffs with its unions. But unions denied the company was talking with them.

"We have never heard from management about any job reduction plans, much less begun to negotiate with them," said Hwang Chi Soo, a leader of the Hyundai union.

Smaller South Korean companies have been paring back their staffs at the rate of 10,000 a day, according to government figures. The number of unemployed South Koreans has almost doubled between the end of last year and the end of March, totaling 1.5 million.

Officials expect the national unem-

loyment to rise to 8.5 percent this year om 2.5 percent last yéar. Hyundai's planned slimming down will affect mostly blue-collar workers.

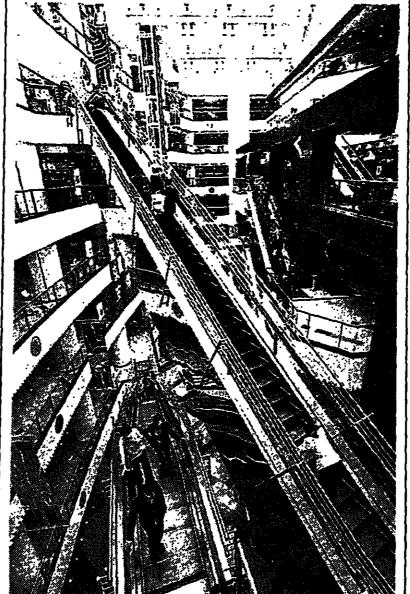
The company had previously laid off a few hundred executives. Hyundai, which normally produces 5,000 cars a day, has slashed its production by 60 percent this year because

of a mounting inventory of unsold cars. Thousands of its workers are on paid All of South Korea's carmakers have scrambled to cope with falling domestic

A spokesman for Daewoo Motor Co. said the carmaker had no immediate plans for work force reductions. Instead, Daewoo would cut salaries first, he said. adding that company wages had been trimmed by about 10 percent.

Kia Motors Corp. has been even more troubled. A spokesman for Kia, which is awaiting a court ruling on its receivicadon, saig i been virtually impossible without the number of employees to 18,000 from 30,000 since last June and that more reductions were likely.

Kia has cut wages by about 50 percent over the last year, the spokesman (AP, Reuters)



GOING UP - Shoppers riding crisscrossing escalators Thursday in Beijing in an eight-story shopping mall, the Chinese capital's newest.

service and franchise remain intact.

Several managing directors inter-

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Credit Lyonnais Rescue: Paris Confronts the EU

Official Says France Has Done the 'Maximum'

PARIS - France has made all the concessions it can to satisfy EU demands over a rescue plan for the Credit

nique Strauss-Kahn said Thursday. France has made maximum concessions to keep Credit Lyonnais vi-

Lyonnais bank while still keeping the bank viable, Finance Minister Domi-

able," the minister said. France plans to double the amount of Credit Lyonnais assets it will sell to gain approval of a 100 billion-franc (\$16.45

billion) government bailout of the bank. Mr. Strauss-Kahn said the government had written to the EU agreeing to a level of disposals by the state-owned bank "double what it was in 1995" and said France would go no further. Neither France nor the EU have put a figure on

'We are at the maximum that I consider to be possible if we are to maintain the viability of Credit Lyonnais," the minister said, without providing de-

French government cannot give ground," he said. "The viability of Credit Lyonnais is a condition of principle which is not for discussion.

"It is a condition over which the

The European Commission had no

immediate comment. 'This has been taken as a sign an accord is near," said Doug Fenton, an analyst at Natexis, a Paris-based bank.

Mr. Strauss-Kahn's statement is good for Credit Lyonnais's shares, he said. because "the quicker the asset sales, the quicker the privatization. Mr. Strauss-Kahn would not say which assets might be sold or what the new total of disposals would be. He said,

pleted, Credit Lyonnais would be, at best, Europe's 20th-largest bank. The commission has said it wants the bank to sell BfG AG in Germany and a

though, that once those sales were com-

Credit Lyonnais has said it is willing to sell its European retail banking assets, though it wants to retain its institutional banking businesses. If it gets rid of the corporate banking operations, it will abandon its current strategy of developing as a retail bank in France and an institutional bank elsewhere.

ing clients, assuring them that Lazard's

The commission has been negotiating with the French government for more than a year on conditions for ing 21 billion francs in 1992-94 as forays into businesses such as real estate and media in the 1980s backfired. (AFP, Bloombere)

McDonald's Plans To Expand in Asia

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches OAK BROOK, Illinois - Mc-Donald's Corp., grappling with sluggish results in the United States, said Thursday that it would spend \$1.5 billion to open 2,000 restaurants in Asia despite economic problems there.

McDonald's already has more than 4.500 restaurants in 17 countries in Asia, with more than 2,400 in Japan.

"While we are experiencing some short-term negative impact in Asia/Pacific, we are adjusting our business to put ourselves in a po-sition to ride out the storm." Jim Cantalupo, president of McDonald's International, said.

Last year, the company built 2,110 restaurants, about 85 percent outside the United States. The company had 23,380 restaurants worldwide at the end of 1997, with 12,380 in the United States.

(Reuters. Bloomberg)

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After a Shakeup, Lazard Strives for Cultural Change

By Peter Truell and Laura M. Holson New York Times Service

TEW YORK - A string of resignations after years of rapid expansion is causing Lazard Freres & Co., the prestigious 150-year-old investment bank, to try to act more like other established financial institutions — with commit-tees and "governance." The firm is even stressing "collegiality."

If this cultural change works, it would be quite a turnabout for Lazard, tra-ditionally a collection of individualist bankers advising the world's top executives. Squabbling among them had almost become a hallmark of the firm in the past couple of years.

This attempted cultural makeover, building on a new management structure created 11 months ago when Steven Rattner, 45, was appointed deputy chief executive, also includes a significant expansion of the firm's principal investing business and more internal promotions.

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65, Lazard's chairman and chief executive, and Mr. Rattner said that a new "banking committee," made up of Kenneth Jacobs. William Loomis Jr., J. Robert Lovejoy and Mr. Rattner, would oversee the investment bankers who they said helped the firm make a record profit in the past year. The new committee replaces Gerald Rosenfeld, 51, the former head of investment banking who left two weeks ago to manage money at

NationsBanc Montgomery Securities. "The beginning of a period of generational change is always a very difficult period," Mr. David-Weill said in an interview. "But change in itself is always pretty good." As for the future, he said, "we want to work more collected by also to cannot can endificalegially and also to renew our tradition

of principal investing."
The departure three weeks ago of Kendrick Wilson 3d, 51, the leader of Lazard's lucrative banking practice, for Goldman, Sachs & Co., a bitter rival, may have hastened the pace of change.

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At their weekly meeting of investment bankers Monday, Michel David-Weill.

Mr. Wilson's exit may signal the end of bankers also have been calling clients, assuring them that Lazard's After more than 40 years at Lazard, Mr. Rohatyn, the firm's senior partner

and the personification of big-company dealmaking, left last May to become ambassador to France.

In all, seven of the firm's almost 70 New York managing directors have left in the past 15 months. Most of them worked in the firm's marquee business giving financial advice to top business executives, particularly on mergers and acquisitions — and were, in many cases, more experienced than the 30 who remain in that practice.

Competitors, of course, are seeking to capitalize on the change and uncertainty at Lazard. Junior bankers are getting calls from headhunters and competing firms hoping to steal talent, according to people at the firm. It is rumored on Wall Street that more top-level departures

may be on the way. Mr. Ranner spent much of last week in meetings with the managing directors, parceling out Mr. Rosenfeld's duties.

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PROCUREMENT NOTICE (PN)

Sheep Development Project (Credit Nº 2859-KG) Procurement of breeding rams and hoggets

1. The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has received a Credit (Credit No 2859 - KG) from the International Development Association (IDA) and a Loan from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in various currencies equivalent to U\$16.8 towards the cost of the Sheep Development Project (the Project). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this Credit and Loan will be applied to eligible payments for procurement of breeding rams and hoggets under this Project.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Kyrgyz Republic (MAWR) (hereinafter the Purchaser) is responsible for the overall management and execution of the Project. MAWR established the Project implementation Unit (PIU) to carry out implementation activities. PIU is duly authorized to invite, evaluate and finalise bids and sign contracts.

3. In this respect, PIU wishes to invite expressions of interest from suppliers dealers and or authorized brokers agents in order to select qualified firms, meeting the criteria in para 4 below, for the supply of the following items of breeding rams and hoggets:

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Improved merino rams (selected in top) poll Improved merino rams (selected in top) poll Merino hoggets poll (crossbred)

160 rams 40 rams 400 hoggets

4. A minimum requirement should be met by the applicant in order to be selected for the Limited International Bidding exercise (LIB). Selection will based on meeting the following minimum pass\fail

evidence of certification license as an international trade exporter of sheep or other livestock; previous experience on similar contracts (at lease two contracts), contact person and addresses for reference;

(III) technical capability such as quarantine and humane transportation.

5. All expressions of interest should be received by 17.00 local time, 13 April 1998 to the below

PIU Manager, Project implementation Unit of MAWR Suite 517, Kievskaya 960, 720300 Bishkek, the Kyzgyz Republic

Tel: +996 (3312) 22 35 83 Fax: +996 (3312) 62 04 09 E-mail: hurman@imfiko.bishkek.su 6. Expressions of interest received by facsimile is acceptable. The Purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject late expression of interest. It is expected that invitation to Bid will be made in 13 April 1998. Qualification is open to firms from eligible source countries as defined in the guidelines. Procurement under IBRD Loans IDA Credits. Applicants will be advised, in due course, of the results of their applications. Only firms qualified under this procedure will be invited to bid. Any inquiries and clarifications concerning this PN can be obtained from the address given above.

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Very briefly:

 Dell Computer Corp. will not renew its contract for Digital Equipment Corp. to provide service and support for Dell products and expects to select a new partner within 30 days, said Dell's vice chairman, Mort Topfer.

The American Stock Exchange's board approved final terms of its agreement to be acquired by the National Association of Securities Dealers, clearing the way for exchange members to vote on the accord. The exchange said it expected a shareholder vote on the plan in May or June.

• Computer Associates International Inc. plans to sell \$1.6 billion of bonds in three separate issues in the next few weeks to lock in low interest rates.

· American Express Co.'s shares rose after a report that the Justice Department had recommended antitrust charges against its main rivals, Visa U.S.A. and MasterCard International Inc. American Express closed at \$107.4375, up \$3.50.

• The Internet Advertising Bureau said on-line advertising revenue more than tripled last year, to a record \$907 million.

On-line ad spending in the fourth quarter of 1997 rose to an unprecedented \$336 million from \$227 million in the third

• Vivus Inc. reported a first-quarter loss of \$2.4 million, wider than expected, as it spent more to market its impotence treatment before the introduction of Pfizer Inc.'s rival drug. The

loss compared with a profit of \$9.6 million a year earlier. • Richfood Holdings Inc. agreed to buy Dart Group Corp. for \$207 million to expand the market share of its warehouse-

style grocery-store chain in the Washington area. • Canada's number of unemployed fell by 25,000 in March. and the unemployment rate edged down 0.1 percentage point, to 8.5 percent, the lowest level since August 1990.

• A federal judge ordered the government to pay \$42.3 million to three men who helped the Justice Department expose Medicare fraud at SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories Inc. Bloomberg Reuters, AP

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Healthy Earnings Bolster Wall Street

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NEW YORK - Stock prices rose Thursday, led by auto and computer shares, after companies in those sectors reported betterthan-expected earnings and the government

said inflation remained tame. The economic environment is about as good as I've seen in my lifetime," said George out new models. Revenue reached \$16.8 billion Mairs, president of Mairs & Power Inc.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 103.38 points at 8,994.86. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index climbed 9.02 to 1,110.67, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 13.23 to 1,820.24.

U.S. financial markets will be closed Friday for Good Friday.

U.S. bond prices rose after a report showing a drop in producer prices reinforced expectations of continued low inflation.

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 6/32 in price to 103 12/32, taking the yield down to 5.88 percent from 5.89 percent.

'We don't see an inflation problem," Ben Mayer of AMR Investments in Fort of \$10.1 million. Elsewhere in the technology in \$9.97 billion in net new cash. Worth, Texas. The government said wholesale sector, Excite and America Online also rose.

from advertising and electronic commerce. Yahoo! said net income climbed to \$4.29 \$740,000 in the year-earlier period. Revenue tripled to \$30.2 million from pro-forma revenue In March last year, domestic equity funds took

three months of 1997.

Ford Motor rose 21/4 to 461/4.

Abbott Laboratories rose 11/16 to 76% prices fell in the first three months of 1998 at after the pharmaceutical company reported a the fastest pace in almost five years. The pro-10 percent jump in first-quarter profit to \$590 ducer price index fell 0.3 percent in March. Auto stocks raced ahead after Chrysler reported that its profit edged up 2 percent to \$1.05

million, citing strong sales of its hospital and laboratory products.
Polaroid rose 15/16 to 42%, even though the

company reported a first-quarter loss of \$17.4 million almost five times as large as expected. But Chief Executive Gary DiCamillo said he still expected maker of instant photographic equipment to meet analysts' earnings estimates for 1998.

The cellular telephone systems operator CommNet Cellular rose after it said it would split its common stock 5-for-1.

Separately, the Investment Company Insti-Yahoo! soared 16 to 1131/4 after the No. 1 tute said investors had put an estimated \$27.5 Internet directory's first-quarter earnings rose, topping expectations as it gained revenue billion in U.S. stock muntal funds in March.

topping the \$24.2 billion invested in February. Investors are generally bullish, there have million, compared with a pro-forma loss of been no meaningful marker corrections, and money continues to pour in," an analyst said.

(Bloomberg, Bridge News, AP)

Intervention and Stimulus Plan Lift the Yen

Bloomberg News
NEW YORK — The dollar fell

against the yen Thursday after the Bank of Japan sold dollars to try to bolster the faltering currency. Finance Minister Hikaru Mat-

sunaga said Japan had taken "de-cisive action" amid "serious concern' over weakness in the half-year low last week.

The selling came in early trad-ing in New York after the dollar rose on speculation that the ending measures and tax cuts The dollar fell to 131.200 yen according to a senior Japanese nounced Thursday by Prime in 4 P.M. trading from 131.325 Finance Ministry official. The spending measures and tax cuts

This is the Bank of Japan in the U.S. stock market. The U.S. saying the yen's weakness isn't acceptable," said Dick Alford,

a currency strategist at Potomac

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threatens to reignite all the problems in the region."

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AMEX

Problems on 737 To Cost Boeing \$350 Million

SEATTLE - Boeing Corp. said Thursday that it would take a charge of 5350 million against pretax earnings in the first quarter for production problems with its next-generation 737 commercial jets.

The latest charge is in addition to the \$700 million the company wrote off in the third quarter last year for that program.

Boeing said flight tests and certification requirements showed unexpectedly extensive changes were needed for the aircraft.

Excluding the latest write-off, the company expects pretax earnings of \$400 million to \$450 million for the first quarter. Boeing's earnings will be re-

leased April 22.
Phil Condit, chairman and chief executive officer of Boeing, said several factors contributed to the additional charge. He said making the unexpectedly extensive changes in the aircraft and juggling other work resulted in more resources and overtime as the company speeds up the rate of production.

In addition, he said changes in the projected mix of the models being offered for sale and smaller price increases reduced revenue estimates for the first 400 units.

For the third quarter, Boeing reported a S696 million loss, and said production problems would cost Boeing \$2.6 billion

over the coming year. Of that, \$1.6 billion was written off in the third quarter for problems with the next-generation 737 program. The remaining \$1 billion was for all other de-

livery programs. Boeing's shares rose 12.5 cents to close at \$55.375 in New York trading. The company had a 1997 loss of \$178 million. its first annual loss in 50 years.

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day it would buy privately held Firefly Network Inc., a developer of privacy technology for the Internet. Terms were

Firefly, based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, will provide

Firefly will move its offices to Redmond from Cambridge, and its employees will report to Microsoft's Web essentials group, which includes the Microsoft Network, its Expedia travel site, Sidewalk and other on-line properties.

tertainment offerings, most of which had been losing (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Microsoft to Acquire Firefly Thursday's 4 P.M. Close

REDMOND, Washington - Microsoft Corp. said Thurs-

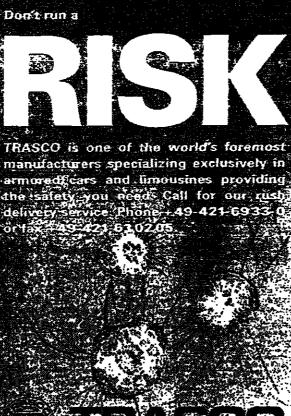
Microsoft with technologies designed to provide security for the exchange of private information on the Internet. Firefly's technology gives Web surfers recommendations on such things as local restaurants based on the user's preferences.

"Privacy is not a product differentiator, it is a fundamental right for Internet consumers," said Bob Herbold, Microsoft's

chief operating officer.

Microsoft said in February it would close its on-line en-

The 300 most traded stocks of the day, up to the closing on Wall Street. The Associated Press.



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Sales of Rolls **And Bentleys** Plunge Globally

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LONDON — Vickers PLC. owner of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Ltd., announced a fall in sales of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars Thursday, while the luxury car unit remains the focus of a takeover battle between

two German automobile giants. Vickers, which put up Rolls-Royce Motor Cars for sale late last year, said global sales of Rolls-Royce and its sister Bentley cars had fallen to 251 in the first quarter of 1998 from 446 in the first quarter of 1997.

The German car rivals Bayerische Motoren Werke AG and Volkswagen AG are battling to buy Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, with Vickers having chosen BMW as its preferred bidder after a £340 million (\$564.4

million) offer.
The BMW chief executive, Bernd Pischetsrieder, remains confident of winning Rolls despite a higher bid from Volkswagen, believed to be between £360 million and £380 million.

Sales of Rolls and Bentley cars fell in most of their markets in the first quarter: in Britain. 151 cars were sold as against 236 previously; in the Americas, sales fell to 51 from 92; in continental Europe, they fell to 19 from 35, and in Japan, six cars were sold as against 32.

Amid Protests, Athens Votes to Trim Airline

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Passengers waiting in the Athens airport during a strike this week.

ATHENS - Parliament passed a Olympic Airways, sending Greek stock prices to a record, but labor unions throughout the country staged a 24-hour strike and marched on Parliament to protest the plan. Adopted 158-124 as the Socialist

government held the support of all but one of its members, the bill aims to cut 42 billion drachmas (\$131.6 million) in annual costs at the unprofitable state-controlled carrier smaller than most other national and to save a total of about 250 billion drachmas over five years.

The bill also seeks to impose a three-year wage freeze, cut benefits

and lengthen working hours. Reorganization of the airline is nation to reform state industries and eventually sell some of them to cut its deficit and increase efficiency before joining European economic and monetary union in 2001. Thousands of union members joined in the strike to protest the bill, which was viewed as a precursor to deep cuts in other state-run indus-

Greece's benchmark 60-share ASE index closed up 32.63 points. or 1.54 percent, at a record 2,157.9, led largely by gains in shares of state-controlled companies. But analysts warned that it was too early to say whether the reforms would prove successful.

The bill's passage came after Olympic's management and workers agreed Wednesday night on amendments that watered down

some of the bill's provisions, eliminating about 8 billion drachmas of bill Thursday to slash costs at cuts from the government's previ-

Platon Monokroussos, an economist at ABN-AMRO Bank in Athens, said, "The only definite thing at this moment is that the govemment compromised some of its original plans to secure the bill's

passage."
With sales of about 270 billion drachmas last year, Olympic is European airlines and is viewed as one of the Continent's least efficient carriers. Analysts estimate it lost about 7 billion drachmas last year.

Taxpayers were obliged in 1994 to pay 620 billion drachmas to write seen as a test of Greece's determi- off Olympic's debt in a four-year recovery plan approved by the European Union. The government said then that it was Olympic's last chance to survive.

The government took over the carrier from the shipping tycoon Ar-istotle Onassis in 1975. In the past four years alone, the government has poured 627 billion drachmas into the airline.

Finance Minister Yannos Papantoniou has said the reform of stateowned companies is a government

"Olympic's history under state management is a very sinful story." one of the carrier's former managing directors said. "Billions have been pumped into this company over the years for political favors and scandalous benefits.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

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Investor's Europe

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Very briefly:

• The European Commission extended an investigation into promotional offers by British Airways PLC designed to attract and retain business from British travel agencies. The competition commissioner, Karel Van Miert, acting on a complaint from Virgin Group, raised the issue in January 1997 and now says BA's response has been inadequate.

• GTECH Corp. was cleared to retain a role in Britain's lottery. The U.S.-based company's position had been in question since its former chairman, Guy Snowden, lost a libel case that centered on allegations that he had tried to bribe the entrepreneur Richard Branson to withdraw a rival bid for the

· Koninklijke PTT Nederland, the Dutch post and telecommunications company, said net profit rose 9 percent, to 2.69 billion guilders (\$1.31 billion), in 1997. The company will take a restructuring charge of 500 million to 800 million guilders this year as it splits into separate telecommunications, international post and freight divisions.

• GEC Alsthom, a British-French energy and transportation company, is buying Alcatel Alsthom SA's Cegelec engineering division to try to build up its business before making an initial public offering this year.

• Publicis SA, a French advertising concern, said Somarel, the family holding that controls it, had agreed to open its capital to outside investors, allowing dissident family members to sell their shares.

• LLP Group PLC, publisher of the shipping newspaper Lloyd's List, plans to float 48.25 million shares next week on the London Stock Exchange at a price of 285 pence a share, giving it a market value of £137.5 million (\$229.3 million).

· Sita SA, the largest European waste-services company, said profit rose 15 percent last year, to 298 million French francs \$48.5 million). Revenue at the company controlled by Suez-Lyonnaise des Eaux SA rose 18 percent, to 10.9 billion francs. JCI Ltd., a South African mining company, agreed to sell its stake in Consolidated Metallurgical Industries Ltd. and a metals trading company, Societe Anonyme des Minerais; along with mineral rights, to Suedelektra Holding AG of Switzerland for about 885 million rand (\$175.3 million).

• London & Continental Railways, the consortium that is building the rail link between the Channel tunnel and London, named John Neerhout executive chairman to steer the group through funding negotiations.

Consumer Confidence Rises To a 3-Year High in France

PARIS — French consumer confidence rose in March to a three-year high as economic growth persuaded people that their jobs were more secure and that they could afford to spend more money, a government report showed Thursday.

The national statistics office Infidence rose to minus 18, its highest level since May 1995, from a revised minus 21 in February. The index is calculated by subtracting negative responses from positive answers to a questionnaire.

The report suggests the pace of economic growth is accelerating, as consumer spending accounts for 60 percent of gross domestic product. believe that faster economic growth Finance Minister Dominique would lead to higher inflation. The Strauss-Kahn said Thursday that Organization for Economic Cooperfaster growth would raise enough ation and Development said Wedtax revenue to cut the budget deficit nesday that France's inflation rate to 2.3 percent of GDP in 1999 from 3 was likely to fall to 1 percent in 1998 percent of GDP in 1998 — the target from 1.2 percent in 1997.

for nations joining Europe's planned

single currency. The improvement in March confirms that economic growth is picking up steam," said Valerie Plagnol, an economist at Credit Commercial de France in Paris.

New car registrations, an indicator of the strength of consumer see said its index of consumer con- demand, rose 10 percent in March from a year earlier, according to figures released last week. Higher spending means Europe's secondbiggest economy is likely to expand by 3 percent this year, up from 2.4 percent growth in 1997, Mr.

Strauss-Kahn said. There was little market reaction to the report as most investors did not

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Agency Identifies Flaw on Ariane-5

CAYENNE, French Guiana - Officials said Thursday that excessive roll in Arianespace's Ariane-5 rocket caused a test satellite to be launched into the wrong orbit last year.

The European Space Agency and the French Space Agency. which manage the program, said the technical problem would be eliminated.

The \$10 billion Ariane-5 program is designed to keep Europe in the lead in launching heavy satellites. But on its first test flight in June 1996, the rocket exploded 37 seconds after it was launched from Kourou, French Guiana, on the northeast coast of South America. A second test in October last year encountered problems when the unmanned rocket's main engine shut down too early and the dummy satellite payload was placed in a lower-than-expected orbit.

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GM's International Unit Set To Leave Zurich for Detroit

ZURICH - General Motors Corp. said Thursday it would move the offices of its international division from Zurich to the company's headquarters in Detroit, a move that analysts said would tighten control as the world's largest carmaker moved

to focus more on non-U.S. markets. Louis Hughes, head of GM's international operations, and about 30 other senior executives will move to GM's headquarters at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. Other key executives will stay, including the chief of European technical development, Peter Hanenberger, and the head of manufacturing. Gary

Cowger, GM said. GM is increasingly looking outside Europe for international expansion, using its Opel brand and investing \$2.7 billion to push into emerging markets such as Russia. In competitors who have pushed new of GM.

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models and waged a price war. "There is a sense of tightening the reins here as GM is on a roll and Opel is not doing so well," said Nigel Griffiths, an analyst at Standard & Poor's DRI in Britain. "If you want to be a global company, paradoxically, you have to control it from one place.

Adam Opel said it expected to lose as much as 250 million Deutsche marks (\$136 million) in 1997 and planned to cut 4,000 jobs in Germany. GM's international operations were based in Detroit until 1992. when Mr. Hughes was put in charge of the unit. He succeeded John Smith, who was named GM's chief executive and later its chairman.

With Mr. Smith's blessing, Mr. Hughes shifted the international operations base to Zurich, where offices could be open during part of the business day in both Asia and Europe, GM's German unit, Adam North America. Zurich will remain Opel AG, has been lagging behind the European regional headquarters (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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Once Again, Japan Gets a Push From Outside China Unveils Investor's Asia

By Kevin Sullivan and Mary Jordan Washington Post Service

more in Japan.

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's announcement Thursday of a package of \$30 billion in income-tax cuts and other measures to jumpstart Japan's economy is widely seen as necessary and long overdue.

But the delays that preceded Mr. Hashimoto's announcement show that decision-making in Japan is still haunted by familiar demons: political infighting, a leaden bureaucracy and a reliance on foreign pressure to force decisions.

Japan's government and political system seem unable to respond swiftly and confidently to new crises in a changing world. Analysts say Japan needs a revolution in its political and economic systems to help itself and show leadership in Asia.

Naoto Kan, the opposition leader who is Japan's most popular politician, said this week that Japan was in the same position the United States faced in 1929, just before the Great Depression. He said Mr. Hashimoto's government had been a "total failure" in responding to the eco-nomic chaos, not necessarily because Mr. Hashimoto was incompetent but because the entire Japanese political system was outdated.

"I consider the failure rooted in the failure of the bureaucratic system," Mr. Kan said.

Japan's inability to move decisively on the economy is part of a scenario seen often here: A problem arises, there is much talk and little action, the problem alarms Japan's foreign partners. Eventually, that gaiatsu, or outside pressure, helps prod Japan to solve the problem.

Recently, analysts have worried that Japan will respond to its economic problems with potentially disastrous delays. So while Mr. Hashimoto and members of his gov-erning Liberal Democratic Party month after the rousing reception have worked behind closed doors, spooning out piecemeal solutions that were universally seen as inadequate, worried outsiders finally stepped in to provide gaiatsu.

President Bill Clinton took Japan to task last week, calling Mr. Ha-shimoto an "able man" but faulting his government for paralysis as the economy threatened to tank. Singapore, Taiwan and the European Union also urged Japan to get moving. The pressure worked. Analysts say Mr. Hashimoto's change of policy was clearly aided by the growing foreign pressure, especially Mr. Clinton's unusually sharp comments.

ANALYSIS nance who argued for said a correction was needed.
the status quo: a Private business saw Jaj policy of fiscal restraint aimed at reducing Japan's deficit.

Although Japan's elite bureaupublic is losing confidence in them, they still hold enormous power.

Many here say the bureaucrats were too arrogant and insulated to

powerful interests at course — the course they designed NEWS the Ministry of Fi- — and refused to heed those who

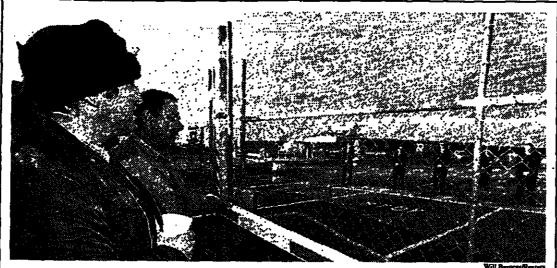
problems long ago, but bureaucrats kept feeding politicians rosy infor-mation. Minoru Monta, a political crats have been hit by scandal and the analyst, said the system of powerful a year, and that key jobs were given bureaucrats who were not accountable to the people was no longer appropriate in Japan:

Foreign pressure remains crucial and were too inflexible to respond to in Japan because it's a stick to prod the bureaucracy. In advocating his new program of tax cuts, Mr. Hatching and global business trends changed, the bureaucrats missed them. They was "disgusted" with the bureaucrate missed them. TOKYO — It's yesterday once shimoto pitted himself against believed Japan was on the right cracy and the consensus decisionmaking it fosters.

"In our collective group de-cision-making," he said, "no one Private business saw Japan's person has the power to say right or wrong, black or white."

He said that government departments often changed ministers twice because of seniority instead of ability. "Because of the constant

changes, we have not been able to Yoshio Terasawa, a member of penetrate the thick wall of the buspot Japan's coming economic crisis Parliament who is a former exec-reaucracy," Mr. Terasawa said.



LABOR STRIFE IN AUSTRALIA - Workers fired by their employer, Patrick Stevedores, facing security officers behind the gate Thursday at Webb Dock in Melbourne. The company has fired all 1,400 of its stevedores after two months of strikes and hired nonunion replacements.

Seoul Confidently Plans to Offer \$1 Billion More in Bonds

- South Korea said Thursday it was preparing to issue \$1 billion of sovereign bonds next given to its \$4 billion debut issue this week.

might cut back its planned total issuance of \$9 billion in sovereign run bank," he said. debt this year if the nation's foreigncurrency situation improved.

of the initial offering had encour- lion of 10-year paper at 355 basis

"Following the successful launching of \$4 billion in sovereign bonds, we plan to issue a further \$1 billion in bonds next month," a Finance Ministry official said.

South Korea was considering is-

suing the \$1 billion in Eurobonds, he said, and planned to issue the rest of its debt in \$1 billion increments in various types of bonds.

will separately seek syndicated be on the brink of econor loans, the official added. "We fore- at the start of this year. The Finance Ministry also said it cast \$500 million in syndicated loans would be sought by each state-

Offered in New York, the \$4 bil-Analysis said the successful debut scribed. South Korea placed \$3 bilaged the government to advance its schedule for issuing the debt.

points, or 3.55 percentage points, over comparable U.S. Treasury issues and \$1 billion of five-year notes

at 345 basis points over U.S. yields. The \$4 billion issue would raise South Korea's foreign-exchange reserves to \$29 billion from about \$25

Bankers in London said this week that South Korea's success in raising \$4 billion on the international bond market was a sign of con-South Korean state-run banks fidence in a country that seemed to be on the brink of economic collapse

> They said expectations that the country's long-term foreign-currency-debt ratings would be raised from speculative to investment grade had underpinned demand. But analysts in Seoul said such

optimism was premature. "We cannot hope for an upgrade in ratings based on oversubscription in sovereign bonds alone," said Ken from a glut of diesel fuel on the Lee, head of research at ING-Baring Securities.

'Korea still faces a high risk of crisis in its debt-ridden corporate tion from other Asian countries,

Restructuring Of Oil Sector

BEUING - The new minister responsible for energy has given broad details of a reorganization of the oil industry that he said would create two global Fortune 500 companies, the China Daily said Thursday.

Sheng Huaren, who was appointed last month to head the restructured State Economic and Trade Commission, confirmed that the industry would be redesigned along regional lines.

China National Petroleum Corp., the country's biggest oil explorer, would be responsible for prospecting and developing petroleum and natural gas in the northern and western parts of the country. "The corporation may also develop some petrochemical products, "the China Daily reported.

China National Petrochemical Corp., known as Sinopec, which dominates the refining industry, would oversee operations in eastern and coastal areas. Sinopec is expected to merge with China Eastern United Petrochemical (Group) Co., which resulted from a merger of five petrochemical companies last year, the newspaper said.

Energy-industry analysts wel-comed earlier reports of a restructuring of China National and Sinopec aimed at creating two vertically integrated industry giants.

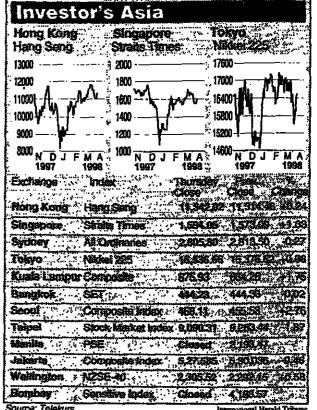
Mr. Sheng was quoted as saying that each of the new companies would have annual sales of more than \$9 billion, vaulting both of them into the ranks of the world's

top 500 companies. China is merging state-owned enterprises to try to form a core of multinational companies better able to compete internationally.

Details of the reorganization were still under discussion, Mr. Sheng said. But the first stage of the plan is due to be completed this month and the rest by the end of June.

The State Economic and Trade Commission absorbed the regulatory functions of a number of ministries under a government streamlining plan approved by Parliament last month. It now oversees coal, petroleum and chemicals as well as

trade, textiles and other sectors. China's refineries are suffering market, and several of the largest ones have suspended production. They also face increased competisuch as South Korea.



Very briefly:

• Taiwan had a trade deficit of \$70 million in the first three months of 1998, its first quarterly imbalance in 17 years; analysts said the report was a sign that Asia's financial troubles had begun to affect Taiwan's export-oriented economy.

· Australia's jobless rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point in March from February, to a seasonally adjusted 8.2 percent, on a slump in part-time employment.

• Thai Airways International PLC approved orders for 12 new aircraft; eight Airbus Industrie jets and two built by Boeing Co. will be bought in the year ending Sept. 30, with purchases of two more Boeing aircraft to follow in the next financial year.

• Resorts World Bhd., the casino unit of Genting Bhd. of Malaysia, agreed to pay \$262.5 million for new shares in Star Cruises PLC as it seeks to expand its leisure businesses into cruise operations.

• Malaysia will allow non-Malay investors to permanently buy control of companies now run by ethnic Malays, relaxing a 30-year-old affirmative-action program for Malays.

• The Airlines Association of Indonesia said direct flights to Jakarta by the U.S. air-cargo giant Federal Express Corp. constituted a threat to local industry and freight forwarders.

 Jananese banks and thrifts have sold 11,030 bad loans with an initial value of 14.92 trillion yen (\$112 billion) over the past five years to Cooperative Credit Purchasing Co., which was established to purchase such loans, the company's president, Shuichi Tobimatsu, said.

 Japan plans to lend 6.08 billion yen to South Africa for rural infrastructure projects, both governments said.

• Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co., formerly Japan's monopoly provider of international telephone service, said it would enter the domestic market July 1, undercutting prices charged by four of Japan's five other long-distance carriers.

• Toshiba Corp., the world's largest maker of notebook computers, said it would increase its output of liquid-crystal display screens to take advantage of production cuts by South Korean manufacturers. AFP, Rewers, Bloombere

YEN: Japan to Get Short-Term Relief in Tax Cut 117 Reforms

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"Mr. Hashimoto made his breakthrough in his political crisis," said Shigezo Hayasaka, a political analyst. Other news commentators said Mr. Hashimoto had finally shown leadership in outlining the nation, after saying little for weeks.

Foreign economists in Tokyo said the tax cuts would bolster growth for this year. But they warned that the plan would not lead a long-term recovery because it did not deal with the country's basic structural problems and the need for deregulation.

although I don't think it's going to bring a vibrant Japanese economy," said Robert Alan Feldman, an economist with Morgan Stanley in Tokyo.

economist at J. P. Morgan. "I

cards. an economic rescue plan for downs rather than sustained growth because Mr. Hashimoto's proposal lacked any outline for permanent struc-

tural reform. In recent weeks, Japan has been hit with a litany of grim economic data. Economists have been warning that Japan is falling into a recession, and have criticized Mr. Hashimo-

"It's enough stimulus to head off the tailspin worry, Parliament must amend Japan's fiscal-restraint law, the centerpiece of Mr. Hashimoto's economic policy to reduce the nation's deficit. Some critics had said that if

"You can say it's buying Mr. Hashimoto switched po-time," said Jesper Koll, chief sitions on fiscal policy, he sitions on fiscal policy, he should resign.
Mr. Hashimoto indicated

think that negative growth this year is no longer in the Thursday evening that despite his decision to reverse But Mr. Koll predicted that his former policy and emthe economy would continue brace tax cuts, he would not said Thursday that it would to experience volatile ups and resign. He said that it would announce details of a new In-

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to for being slow to act. the bad conditions both doa serious state." Mr. Hashimoto did.

however, hint at more far-reaching tax reforms, saying he was launching a review of the corporate-tax system to reduce taxes on company profits to international levels within three years. The effective corporate tax rate of the largest corporations in Japan is 46.37 percent, compared with 41.05 percent in the United States.

Mr. Hayasaka, the political analyst, said top officials had told him that Mr. Hashimoto was planning to use this stimulus package as an excuse to push for a complete overhaul of the Japanese tax system, which has been blamed for said the government would contributing to the country's economic malaise. Tax reform has been discussed for years, but has been opposed in the disbursement two weeks after Ministry, which has kept tight the two sides, is signed. control over the budgets.

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According to extracts from its proposed revised agree-ment with the IMF, the government is expecting the total cost of efforts to recapitalize Indonesia's banking sector to equal about 15 percent of

Indonesia is also planning to privatize 12 of its 164 state firms in the coming year as part of the reforms agreed

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)

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That strategy is to remain relatively small and focus on its core businesses of financial advice, selected trading businesses and fund management. "Our business role in life, which is being advisers, is rather enhanced when the other choices for clients are a few very powerful financial actors, "Mr. David-Weill said.

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But some things at Lazard actions or brings in business, but he continues to run the crosery. 10 do so, Lazard s directors said this week, the directors said this week, the firm plans to develop its principal investing business. market, Mr. David-We says, "I will never do it."

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The Ministry of Communications announces the tender for appointing a Privatization Advisor with relevant experience in privatization process and in post office operations. The Privatization Advisor shall provide accounting, financial, legal and technical advisory services to The Ministry of Communications and The Romanian Post Office.

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Davis Cup Pairings Kind to Australia

TENNIS Australia received a relatively kind draw Thursday in its attempt to return to the Davis Cup world group after its shock loss to Zimbabwe in the first round last weekend.

Australia will meet Uzbekistan at home in September in the qualifying round for next year's world group. The qualifying round pairs the eight first round losers in this year's world group with qualifiers from zonal competitions.

Russia, which lost to the United States on Monday, must overcome Japan away. India, loser to Italy, must play in Britain. (Reuters) must play in Britain.

Marcus Allen to Retire

FOOTBALL Marcus Allen, the record-breaking running back, is re-tiring after 16 years in the National Football League to take a job as a national television commentator for CBS, the U.S. network, the Kansas City Chiefs said Thursday.

"When he came to us in 1993, it was my personal hope that he would play three years," said Carl Peterson, the Chiefs' general manager. "He has given us five outstanding years

Allen, 38, holds the NFL record for rushing touchdowns with 123. He won the 1982 Heisman Trophy and was MVP in the 1984 Super Bowl. He became the first back to gain both 10,000 yards rushing and 5,000 yards receiving. He has a popular weekly show with the CBS affiliate in Kansas City.

Indians Set Record

CRICKET Mohammed Azharuddin and Ajay Jadeja set a one-day international partnership record Thursday as India beat Zimbabwe by 32 runs in Cuttack, India.

The pair came together with India on 26 runs for three wickets and pair added 275 runs for the fourth wicket to steer India to 301 for three. The previous record stand was 263 by Aamir Sohail and Inzamam-ul Hao for Pakistan against New Zealand at Sharjah in 1994.

Azharuddin hit 153 not out and Jadeja 116 not out. India bowled Zimbabwe out for 269. (AP)

It's Baseball, Mr. Murdoch

BASEBALL Mike Piazza, the Los Angeles Dodgers catcher, broke off contract negotiations with the team, three days after turning down a sixyear contract extension worth \$80 million. Piazza is earning S8 million this year. He will become eligible for free agency at the end of the season.

Argentine Handed a Ban

SOCCER Jose Antonio Chamot, an Argentine defender who plays for Lazio of Rome, has been suspended over a handshake. Charnot was punished for his vigorous grip as he shook hands with the referee Pierluigi Collina, at the end of last Sunday's league match against Juventus, which Lazio lost, 1-0.

The disciplinary commission said Chamot "expressed his evident dissent with the referee with an overly firm handshake." (AP)

Wind-Blown Augusta **Tests Early Starters**

Azinger Leads With 1-Under-Par 71 As Masters Course 'Holds Its Own'

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Georgia - All the talk about redesigning Augusta National be-cause of Tiger Woods' record-setting victory was swept away Thursday in the first round of the Masters.

The toughest element in golf — swirling, gusting winds — put birdies at a premium and made bogeys the penalty for even the slightest miscalculation. Paul Azinger shot a 1-under-par 71 and called it his best round in a year. It made him the early leader.

"When you see it like this today, this golf course holds its own," said Azinger, who had 17 pars and a two-putt birdie in what he called his best round in a year. "I don't think we have to worry about Augusta National being obsolete

Woods didn't tee off until 3 P.M. local time, but one look at the leaderboard should have been enough to tell him what was in store.

Fred Couples was the only player to reach 3-under — be birdied the first three holes until giving one stroke back with a bogey on the par-3 fourth. Fuzzy Zoeller was at 2-under through 10 holes, while former Masters champions Bernhard Langer and Jose Maria Olazabal were among those at 1-under.

Ben Crenshaw, twice the Masters champion, made a triple bogey at No. 10 — the hole where he made a memorable 60-foot birdie putt in 1984 — and finished at 83.

David Toms was sailing along until consecutive double bogeys gave him a 75. Ryder Cup player Ignacio Garrido of

Spain had an 11 on the par-5 15th.
"If the wind keeps blowing, the scores will stay high," Azinger said.
"We won't have to worry about Tiger shooting 18-under." The cries rang out for officials to change Augusta after Woods broke the

tournament record with an 18-under 270, winning by 12 strokes. Grow rough. Add fairway bunkers. Lengthen the tees.

Who needs all that when the wind was howling like it was today? "If the wind didn't blow today,

somebody might have been able to go out with a 63 or a 64," Azinger said. Because the wind blew, it was swirling so much through the pines that you never knew what you were going to

Just ask Toms. He was at 2-under when he got to the par-4 11th. He felt a breeze on his face, pulled out a 4-iron for a shot of 200 yards and had to save par from about 30 yards short of the

"It's in my face on No. 11, so I thought it would be going the same direction on No. 12," Toms said. "Now you tell me.'

His 7-iron flew the green, and he made a bogey.

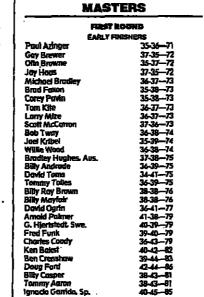
"If the wind is up, nobody can hit the green," he said. Of the first 20 players to finish their rounds, only Azinger managed to break par. Gay Brewer finished birdie-birdiepar for an even-par 72, closing out his

round as the tall Georgia pines began to sway even harder.

The only thing giving players a chance were greens softened by storms

And if he plays well?

"I think he'll run away wit tournament," Nicklaus said.



that dumped 2 inches of rain and caused a 90-minute delay.

Sam Snead, released from the hospital Wednesday after suffering from fatigue, joined Gene Sarazen and Byron Nelson as ceremonial starters by belting a 235-yard drive down the middle.

"We're very glad Sam kicked some windows out of the hospital," said Jack Stephens, the Augusta chairman.

Sheets of rain that fell overnight softened the greens but also caused water and mud to spray with just about every shot from the fairway. That was nothing compared to the wind, which grew so strong by early afternoon that flag sticks swayed like a fishing rod with a largemouth bass on the line.

The early starters had a clear advantage. Because of the delay, it was possible the first round would not finished by dark.

The great question at Augusta was whether Woods could have another near-perfect week on the penalizing greens. Last year he did not three-putt once and never missed a putt inside 10

'All you need to do is miss one of those things and you start getting a little gun-shy on these greens," said Tom Watson.

'A lot of us are interested to see what happens," said Davis Love III. "After all the talk, what will Tiger Woods do? Can he prove it playing under all of this? Last year he had a chance to win. Now, it's like he has to win."

land, and he has failed to break par in his last six rounds, the first time that has happened in his young career. But if Woods dominated the Masters

at the Johnnie Walker Classic in Thai-

in just his third appearance, how much tougher will he be when he really gets to know Augusta? "He's not done with the learning curve," Love said. "But he knows he's

not going to win every time. The greatest of all time only won six." That would be Jack Nicklaus, who said this week Woods would win if he played his normal game and would still be in contention if he played poorly.

"I think he'll run away with the golf



'Not So Fast' Is Not All That Easy

Formula One Teams Find Ways to Make Up for New Rules

By Brad Spurgeon International Herald Tribune

PARIS — For most spectators, Formula One is about cars going fast. For the International Automobile Federation, the sport's governing body, the object is to make cars go slower.

But as the season heads for its third race — the Argentine Grand Prix in Buenos Aires this weekend — it's clear that the new regulations aren't working.

"The object of the rules changes was to slow the cars down," said Max Mosley, the federation president. "And they certainly have not slowed them down as much as everybody thought they The federation, known as FIA, hoped to slow the cars by from three to five

seconds a lap, but so far cars have lost only one to two seconds a lap, and they are getting faster every race. The new technical regulations were

approved in 1996, but they went into force only this season. The criticism began early last year when the teams started testing the new setups.

The federation came under fire par-

ticularly for outlawing slick, or treadless, tires in favor of ones with grooves. Slicks have been used on racing cars since 1972, and some critics said the sport was regressing. Car width was narrowed by 20 centimeters to reduce aerodynamic downforce — the effect that pushes cars Formula One cars look similar to those in slower formulas.

The most prominent critic was Jacques Villeneuve, the world champion. After testing the new tires for the first time last April, he said, "It was like driving a Formula Ford car, with a bit more power and downforce."

Instead of still being the ultimate sport that it is, it's going to become more of a show and a circus," he said.

Mosley summoned Villeneuve to

Paris last June to explain himself. Among Villeneuve's other criticisms were that the cars would be uncontrollable going into corners and that braking distances would be no greater. A Formula One car slows from more

an hour in about 265 feet, thanks to high-performance carbon brakes. An increase in braking distances would allow for more overtaking, as more skilled or courageous drivers would have more opportunity to brake later than their competitors and therefore pass them. Villeneuve has been proved right on

control. Last year, seven cars went off the track in the three practice sessions before the opening race in Australia. This year, 14 cars went off.

In Brazil two weeks ago, the practice sessions were stopped by the red flag several times as cars repeatedly spun out and blocked the track or left dangerous debris. Villeneuve himself destroyed his car in Brazil Mosley said last week that the purpose

of the rules was not to prevent cars' going off the track, or to allow more overtaking, but "to avoid damaging the driver." He noted that three of the seven cars

that went off last year in Australia were damaged, while none were damaged this year. No drivers were hurt either After the death of Ayrton Senna at the Saint-Marino Grand Prix in 1994, the

drivers created an organization to look after their safety interests. Called the Grand Prix Drivers' Association, it meets periodically to study tracks and voice complaints to the federation. Last year, David Coulthard, a McI.

to the track in corners. The changes make en driver and member of the drivers' association, agreed with Villeneuve's criticisms. "We musm't confuse the safety issue with speed." he said. "Speed does not necessarily mean danger. But a continuing FIA study of the

relationship between safety measures and driver injuries shows that over the last 35 years, as new safety measures have been introduced, the number of driver deaths relative to the number of accidents has gone down. From 1963 to 1967, in 50 races there were 47 accidents, with three serious injuries and two fatalities. In the five seasons to 1997, there were 82 races, 382 accidents and 2 fatalities, one of them Senna.

than 200 miles an hour to 30 to 40 miles 190 mph, what difference does it make?" Mosley said. "We now know that a relatively small change in performance can make a big change in safety."
He said that after Senna's death the MOREBOARD

federation learned that if it slowed the cars by only three seconds a lap, they cut the number of life-threatening corners defined in part by a car's speed over a full season from 16 to 8.

At the beginning of last winter's testing, cars were the desired five seconds slower. But Formula One's engineers are quickly finding ways to make the cars go faster, and they have already regained three seconds a lap.

Francesco Longanesi, the FIA spokesman, said: "It's always been a little bit the game between the poacher and the gamekeeper. The gamekeeper finds something to keep the poacher out. and the poacher finds his way through to neutralize what the gamekeeper has Formula One teams build their own

cars and invest millions of dollars in research and development. In the world's second-most-advanced form of singleseat, open-wheel racing, the North American series called Championship Auto Racing Teams, or CART, a team usually builds a car from an assemblyline chassis and other stock parts.

Formula One teams also receive more money from sponsors than CART teams, which allows them to spend more on development, Mosley said.

Rule changes, however, have deterred some sponsors. In 1996, Elf Antar, the French petroleum company, pulled out after 29 years in Formula One. And Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. will leave this autumn after 34 years.

Both said the new regulations meant they could no longer develop cuttingedge products. But computer companies are swarming into the sport as teams try to compensate for the slower, grooved tires by using increasingly sophisticated electronic systems in their cars.

The question of more overtaking. meanwhile, has become irrelevant as the McLaren cars have lapped most other "The conventional wisdom used to be cars in the first two races. No one can stay that if you're going to crash at 180 mph or close enough to attempt to overtake.

Malone Elbows Out Robinson and the Spurs

The Associated Press

Karl Malone delivered knockout blows to both David Robinson and the San Antonio Spurs. After his elbow knocked Robinson out

for several minutes and sent the Spurs' star to the hospital, Malone went on to -score 32 points Wednesday night in a 98-88 victory that gave the Jazz their second consecutive Midwest Division title. Robinson had a concussion and was hospitalized overnight. Malone insisted

the first-quarter elbow was unintentional, but several Spurs disagreed. "He should be suspended," said Avery Johnson, a San Antonio guard who did not play because of an injury. "You saw the replay. Two plus two equals four." Malone, one of the strongest players in the league, said he was just "taking the ball strong to the hole.

"It was a tough, physical ball game," said Malone. "It surprises me they thought it was intentional. The bottom line is, I don't have to play that way, and I don't play like that. I respect David." In the opening minutes of the game,

lane when the Utah star took a pass from John Stockton and turned to the basket. Malone's elbow caught Robinson on the right side of the head, and the Spurs' 7footer dropped to the floor unconscious. Robinson regained consciousness about two minutes later and was helped

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off the floor by trainers and doctors. He was taken to a hospital, where a scan revealed no neurological damage bevond the concussion. Knicks 83, Heat 80 Allan Houston

scored 29 points, Chris Childs had his first productive game in weeks and the Knicks played tight defense to prevent Miami from attempting a final shot at Madison Square Garden. In a possible preview of a first-round playoff series, the Knicks showed some

of the energy and heart they had been lacking while losing five of their previous six games.

Nets 117, Celtics 104 In Boston, Sam
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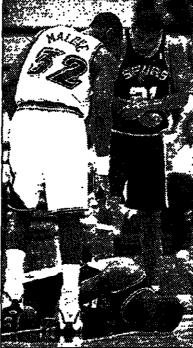
New Jersey won its third straight game. Antoine Walker led the Celtics with 43 points, but he missed two free throws with 4:57 left. Chris Gatling followed with two layups as New Jersey went on a decisive 10-2 run. One more Nets victory or Boston loss would eliminate the Celtics from playoff contention.

Bucks 107, Raptors 100 In Toronto, Ray Allen scored 25 points and Elliot Perry had 14 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter as Milwankee handed the Raptors their 11th straight loss. 76ers 109, Hornets 101 In Philadelphia, Allen Iverson had 30 points, a

career-high 10 rebounds and six assists to lead the 76ers over Charlotte. Magic 95, Pistons 87 In Orlando, Nick Anderson scored 26 points and Derek Strong came off the bench to score 20 as the Magic kept their fading playoff hopes alive. Detroit lost its seventh

playoff contention. Lakers 113, Grizzlies 102 Shaquille O'Neal scored 30 points and Eddie Jones added 26 as the Lakers improved Robinson was guarding Malone in the Horn had 24 points and 11 rebounds as to 11-0 against visiting Vancouver.

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Robinson lying on the court after he was knocked out by Malone. Jason Woolley and Geoff Sanderson

Stars in Alignment in Overtime

Jamie Langenbrunner scored the game-winning goal in overtime for the Dallas Stars to end his own and his team's slumps. "That's the first overtime game-winner I've ever had in my life," Langenbrunner said after his 22d goal

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of the season, but only his third in 18 games. "I hope this does wonders for me and for the team.

The 2-1 victory over the Washington Capitals could not have come at a better time for the Stars. They had won only two of their previous eight games, but the victory Wednesday night gave them a two-point lead over idle Detroit in the West and a tie with New Jersey for the best overall record. The Devils, who lost, hold first with more victories.

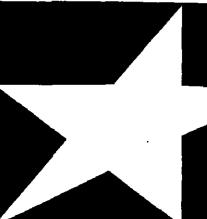
Islanders 3, Devils 2 On Long Island. a power-play goal by Robert Reichel with 23.2 seconds left in regulation gave the host New York Islanders victory over New Jersey.

Sabres 3, Hurricanes 1 In Buffalo.

each scored goals, and Dominik Hasek stopped 15 shots as the Sabres slowed Carolina's playoff drive. The Sabres' victory followed a front-office shakeup. The new owner, John Rigas, fired the president and chief executive officer, Larry Quinn, and made his son Timothy Rigas the CEO. He also named Ron Bertovich interim general manager of administration.

Flyers 6, Lightning 1 In Tampa, John LeClair scored two goals, including a controversial game-winner with 12:11 left to start a burst of five straight Philadelphia goals. LeClair was moving down the slot when Chris Gratton's centering pass appeared to hit the left wing's skate. The goal was upheld following a video review.

Mighty Ducks 4, Oilers 2 Steve Rucchin scored midway through the third period as Anaheim beat visiting Edmonton. Roman Hamrlik's apparent game-tying goal with 40.6 seconds left was nullified when referee Stephen Walkom ruled Ryan Smyth was in the crease. Teemu Selanne sealed the victory with a shorthanded, empty-net goal with 6.6 seconds left.



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By Henry Weinstein

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from late in spring training that I was ready to go. I'm not one of those guys who thinks you have to have to build up to a certain pitch count when the season starts. When you're ready, you're ready. Tim Salmon brought Anaheim from behind with a two-run single in the sixth

nearly a year, McDowell said: "I knew

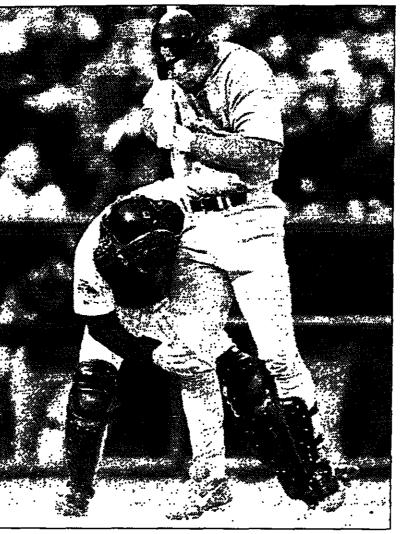
inning as the Angels completed a threegame sweep of the Red Sox. Boston scored just one run in each of the losses. Indians 6, Athletics 5; Athletics 3, In-

dians 1 Kenny Rogers pitched seven strong innings and A. J. Hinch singled home the go-ahead run in the seventh for host Oakland in the second game. Rogers got his first victory for the A's after the Indians completed a 6-5 victory

over Oakland in a rain-delayed game that began Monday night. Yankees 4, Mariners 3 Chad Curtis hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning off Bobby Ayala to give New York the vic-tory in Hideki Irabu's first start of the season. Graeme Lloyd, the third Yankees pitcher, threw just one-third of an inning but was credited with the victory. The

Yankees won consecutive games in Seattle for the first time since 1994. Irabu went five innings, giving up one run on four hits and two walks.

Blue Jays 9, Twins 6 Shawn Green homered for the third consecutive game. and Jose Canseco had four hits to lead Toronto to a road victory.



Catcher Jeff Reed of the Rockies and Mark McGwire of the Cardinals • Texas and Chicago were rained out. getting tangled after a pitch went low and into the dirt (lower right).

2 Singles by McGwire Keep Slugger Happy

His RBIs Help Cardinals Beat Rockies, 13-9

The Associated Press

Mark McGwire, who hit 58 home runs last season and one in each of his first four games this season, failed to connect for the second straight game at the "home of the home run," Coors Field in Denver. He did, however, have two singles and batted in two runs as the

NL ROUNDUP

St. Louis Cardinals beat the Colorado Rockies, 13-9.

"Who says you have to score runs on a home run?" McGwire said after the game Wednesday. "That's the beauty of the game; you can score runs any which way.

St. Louis had 13 singles and only one home run against Colorado. The Cardinals, who had nine extra-base hits on Tuesday, got only a two-run homer from Ray Lankford in the seventh. Lankford also had a two-run single.

The Cardinals built a 9-1 lead for the second consecutive game, taking advantage of six walks by the Rockies starter. Jamey Wright. The Rockies rallied for the second straight night, closing to 10-8, but could not get closer.

Diamondbacks 3, Dodgers 0 Jorge Fabregas and Brent Brede hit homers on consecutive pitches in Los Angeles as the expansion Diamondbacks won their

second game. Brian Anderson pitched eight innings and allowed seven hits.

Fabregas and Brede connected on consecutive pitches with one out in the fourth off Hideo Nomo to give Arizona a 3-0 lead. It was the first homer for both and the first back-to-back homers in the franchise's brief history.

Phillies 9, Marlins 5 In Philadelphia, Rico Brogna went 4-for-1 and scored three runs as Philadelphia sent Florida to a team-record eighth straight loss.

Astros 6, Giants 3 Jose Lima recovered from a shaky start to win his second consecutive outing and Derek Bell and Sean Berry each hit home runs for visiting Houston. Billy Wagner picked up his second save.

Pirates 5, Braves 3 In Pittsburgh, Jason Kendali homered and went 3-for-3 off Denny Neagle to support another good start by Esteban Loaiza.

Andres Galarraga hit two homers for Atlanta, but Neagle lost for the first time in three starts against his former team.

Padres 6, Reds 3 Andy Ashby won his first game in nine career decisions against visiting Cincinnati, and Greg aughn and Wally Joyner homered. Ashby did not allow a hit until a

leadoff single by Bret Boone in the sixth

 Montreal at Milwaukee and New York at Chicago were rained out,

SCOREBOARD

innings in a 6-2 loss to Cleveland.

The Associated Press ANAHEIM, California - Jack Mc-

Dowell pitched eight strong innings to

earn his first victory in almost a year, beating the Boston Red Sox, 2-1.

Collins, the Angels' manager. "We said

it the day we signed him — if he's healthy, we've got a good pitcher."

McDowell, who considered his injury-

abbreviated 1997 season a fluke.

AL ROUNDUP

didn't appear surprised by his performance on Wednesday night. It seems to

me like I didn't really miss all that much

on his elbow last May and then developed

a bone bruise during rehabilitation that kept him sidelined for the rest of the

season. His last triumph was a 7-1 de-

cision over Toronto on May 7, pitching

On Wednesday, McDowell scattered

seven hits against the Red Sox, all singles

except for John Valentin's leadoff homer

in the fourth. The right-hander struck out

McDowell (1-1), the 1993 Cy Young

Award winner with the Chicago White

Sox, lost his first start with the Angels.

giving up five runs on eight hits in seven

pitched 15 innings in his first two starts in

Asked about the fact that he had

McDowell had arthroscopic surgery

last year," he said.

for the Cleveland Indians.

six and walked one.

"He was very good," said Terry

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and Hatteberg, McDowell Holtz (9), Percival (9) and Walbeck W—McDowell 1-1.

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Reed (7). Critz (8), Poole (8). Johnstone (9)
and B.Johnson. W.—Lima 2-0. L.—Rueler 1-1.

Sw.—B. Wagner (2). HRs.—Houston, De.Bell

Sv—B. Wagner (2), HRs—Houston, De.Bell Sw—B. Wagner (2). HRs—Houston, De.Bell (2). Berry (2). Cincharti 000 001 200—3 6 1 San Diege 300 100 11x—6 13 0 G. White, Sullivan (6). R. Jordon (6). Belindo (7) and Taubensee: Ashby. Hatchcock (7). Boehunger (8), Haffman (8) and C. Hemandez, G.Afyers (8). W—Ashby 1-1 1—G White D-1. Sw—Haffman (2). HRs—San Diego. G. Vaughn (1). Joyner (2).

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First Period: N.J. Morrison 3 (Elias, Andreychuk) 2. New York, Palify 40. Second Period: N.J.-Andreychuk 13 (Elias, Stevens) Taird Period: New York, Palify 41 (Czerkawski, Joneson) 5. New York, Reichel 24 (Paiffy, Linden) (pp). Shots on good: N.J. bourg, Taulouse 33; Rennes 8-11-7-26. New York 6-7-9-22. Goodles: 29; Cannes, Chateauraux 28. N.J.-Brodeur. New York, Scio.

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First Period: P-LeClair 47, 2, T., Dythuls 5
(Tucker, McCarthy) Second Period: None.
Third Period: P-LeClair 48 (Gratton, Desjardins) 4, P-Shilinger 20 (Codigle, Forbes) 5, P-McGliffs 11 (Coffey, Brind-Amer) (pp.). 6, P-Gratton 19 (Doigle, Sillinger)-(pp.), 7, P-Forbes 12 (Coffey, Podeln) (pp.). Shots on goal: P. 9-14-14-37, T- 6-7-3-16. Goalles: P-Burke. T-Fitzpalrick.
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E-Joseph. A-Shralenkov. CRICKET INDIA VS. ZIALBABWE TRIANGULAR TOURNAMEN
THURSDAY IN CUTTACK, INDIA
India: 301-3 in 50 overs
Zimbodwe: 269 in 48.4 overs

rtik) (pp). 2 E-Fraser 9 (McAmmond,

Nünimaa) (pp). 3. A., Sandstrom 9 (Korpa, Stevenson) Second Period: A-Martia 6, Tulrd Period: A-Rucchin 17 (Martia, Bannister) 6, Anahiem, Setanne 52 (Rucchin) (sh-en).

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India won by 32 runs. WEST INDIES VS. ENGLAND STH AND FINAL 1-DAY INTERNATIONA WEDNESDAY IN PORT OF SPAIN, TROUDAD Vest Indies: 302-5 in 50 overs England: 245 in 46 overs

SOCCER

TURKISH CUP FINAL s). Galatasaray 1, OT s wort 4-2 on penalties. esiktos). Galak MALIAN CUP FINAL

FRENCH FIRST DIVISION Marseille O. Paris St Germain O STANDINGS: RC Lens 61 points; Metz 59; Marseille 55; Monaco 53; Paris St Germain. Bordeaux 50: Lyon 47: Auxerre 46: Bostlo 44 Nortes, Montpellier 40: Le Hayre 37: Stras-

DUTCH FIRST DIVISION
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AG; Fortuna Sittard 40: NAC Breda. Twente
Enschede, Utrecht 34; Graafschap Doetin-chem 35: Sparta Rotterdam. NEC Nijmegen
34; Roda JC Kerkrade 29: Moostischt. Grazin-gen 28: RKC Waalwijk 27; Volendam 18.

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x denotes seeding
Matches to be played September 25-27,
winners go World Group in 1999, losers to
Zonal Group one competition.

RASEBALL CLEVELAND—Sent C Einar Dloz outright to

KANSAS CITY—Traded C Mike Macforlane a Oakland for OF Shane Mack and player to N.Y. YANKEES-Pel DH Chill Davis on 15-N.T. TANKEES—PUT LIFT CAIL DAVIS ON 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 3. Recalled OF Share Spencer from Columbus, IL. GAKLAND—Recalled OF Jack Voigt and INF Jason Wood Iron Edmonton, PCL Designated Cizzy Molina for assignment. Placed RHP Alike Fetters on 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 6.

tivo to April 6. NATIONAL LEAGUE ARIZONA—Activated INF Andy Stankiewicz from 15-day disabled list. Optioned INF Ednted SS Barry Larkin tram 15-day disabled list.
Houston—Activated OF Ray Montgomery
from 15-day disabled list and optioned him to

New Orleans, PCL, Put RHP Jose Cabrera on 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Bob Scan-lan from New Orleans. PCL. LOS ANGELES—Put RHP Darren Halt on 15-N.Y. METS—Traded LHP Chris Roberts to Oakland for player to be named. Signed RHP Dan Portles to minor-league contract. BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
MIAMI-Activated F P.J. Brown and F
Kerth Askins from injured list. Put F-G Antonio Long and G Rex Walters on injured list.

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POOTRALL

NATIONAL FOOTRALL LEAGUE

DALLAS—Re-signed C Dale Hellestme. P
Toby Gownn and OL. John Jannes.

INDIANAPOLIS—Signed OB Bill Musgrave.

KANSAS CITY—Signed WR Marcus

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TE Sean Manuel, CB Kovia Reed, RB Greg

Robinson and CB Rod Thomas.

MOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

BUFFALO—Fired Larry (Julin, team president and chief executive officer. Named
Tumothy Rigas Chair executive officer and
Ron Bertovich Interim general manager of

CHICAGO—Signed C Sleve Dubinsky to con-tract extension through 1999-2000 segson. Re-assigned D Remi Royer and C Tood White to Intigenalis. IIII

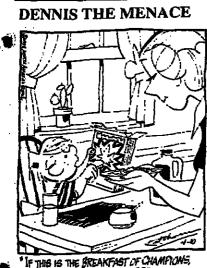
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from Hartford, AHL

TAMPA BAY—Recalled D Povel Kubina from Adirondock, AHL.
TORONTO—Recalled D David Cooper from
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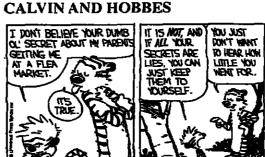


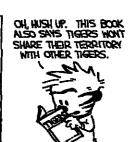


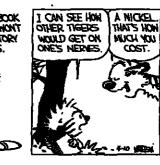
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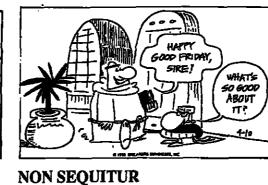


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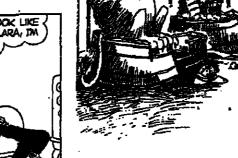






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The Last Book?

By Christopher Lehmann-Haupt New York Times Service

AMBRIDGE, Massachusetts. — In the Media Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, they are working on a project they call "the last book."

This may sound ominous to book lovers. After all, the Media Lab devotes itself mainly to computers. Looking at a computer means reading an electronic screen, which is decidedly not the way most people want to read a book, particularly the last one.

Reading text on a computer screen is confining and tiresome. You can't see where you are or how far you have to go. You can't leaf through the pages to compare parts of the text or to see what your eye finds at random. You can't comfortably carry a computer screen around with you, to bed, to the beach or to the bathroom.

. You can't collect computer screens, or bind them beautifully in vellum or display them on shelves in the spirit that the English novelist Anthony Powell evoked when he titled one of his volumes "Books Do Furnish a Room."

But hold everything! The news is far from grim. The book of the future described to me on a visit to the Media Lab is really a book, just like "Goodnight Moon," "Paradise Lost" or the Gutenberg Bible. It has a binding that could be made of leather if you wanted, and hundreds of pages you can turn one at a time or riffle through.

The key to this

is something called electronic ink. or e-ink.

The key to this book is something called electronic ink, or eink, which can be applied to the page from within instead of by a press. Being developed by Joseph Jacobson, an assistant professor at MIT, e-ink consists of microscopic spheres, each about 40 microns in diameter, or about half the thickness of a piece of

paper. Each sphere is half black and half white. These spheres can be applied by the millions to paper and then flipped over electronically to either their black sides or their white sides to produce what looks like a traditional printed page.

As envisioned at the Media Lab, the book pages will each

have fine wires carrying electricity to flip the dots in the direction of a computer concealed in the book binding. The user will scroll through a list of book titles displayed on the book's spine. If the user selects "Ulysses," the computer will make the text appear on the book's pages by flipping the appropriate spheres to their black or white sides.

As the capacity of the book's memory grows, whole libraries may be installed. Jacobson foresees being able to store the entire U.S. Library of Congress, whose holdings number more than 17 million volumes.

Yet the book would still have the familiar advantages of a book. Jacobson says. You could unplug its power and carry it anywhere. The display would be designed to sense the presence of a stylus, or pen, so that you could underline or write notes on it. You might even be able to dog-ear the book.

Jacobson greatly admires the traditional book. "After all," he added, "if books had been invented after the computer, they would have been considered a big breakthrough. Books have several hundred simultaneous paper-thin, flexible displays. They boot instantly. They run on very low power at a

Every book ever published in a single volume? The mind boggles and a dozen questions form. Will this really happen? How soon could the last book be available? "A prototype with just a few pages could be put together in two to three years, with one of 400 pages taking a year or two longer." Jacobson said. How much will it cost? Jacobson says the volume will probably retail for \$2 to \$4 per reusable page, or \$500 to \$1,000 for a book that is every book, although he is working on

ways to reduce costs further. What about the contents' cost? Books in the public domain could be downloaded for nothing, Jacobson says. For new works and books still in copyright, a system of royalties could be set up in which texts would be encrypted and readers would buy an access code by Internet, phone or wireless transaction.

Will books no longer furnish a room? It looks as if they won't, unless you will still insist on having certain titles on the shelf, to remind you of their existence and your promise to read them some day. The likes of us will have to keep on collecting old-fashioned books. Or maybe resort to displaying those Poternkin villages of books on our shelves, rows and rows of our favorite titles in colors that match the furniture and the pets.

Just one of them will be real and removable from the shelf. It will contain not hollowed-out pages with a gun or a whisky flask, but a treasure far greater; at the touch of a button, any book ever written. And when it is removed, family members certain benightedness: "Hey! Who's using the book?"

Drawing Chinese Classics Into Whimsical Life

By Steven Mufson Nashington Past Service

BEUING — Imagine a cross between "Doonesbury" and your college class on Eastern philosophy, and you'll have a good idea of what has made Tsai Chih Chung the most popular cartoonist in Asia.

The slightly built Taiwanese — who began with such comic strip characters as Drunken Swordsman, Fat Dragon, One-Eyed Marsh and Bold Supersleuth — has churned out more than 20 comic book versions of Chinese historical and philosophical classics. Soon, he promises, he will also bring out a comic book version of the Asian financial crisis.

"Certain people express themselves through their voices, so speaking is a way for them to express their inner selves," Tsai says. "For me, cartoons are the way to express my inner self."

And not a bad way to earn a living, either. Tsai's books have sold about 30 million copies. The cartoon versions of the classics have struck a chord among Chinese who want to know the ancient myths and teach-

plodding through weighty tomes. In Tsai's boiled-down version of "Romance of the Three Kingdoms," a 14thcentury novel about the political maneumodern references and humor.

One warrior waves an Iraqi flag, a satellite dish is fixed on top of an ancient Chinese building and court officials play mah-jongg or munch beef noodles. Certain lines uttered by characters in the classics have been edited to echo the words of Mao Zedong. A de-praved nobleman is shown reading Playboy magazine, and a Taiwanese television cameraman makes a cameo appearance.
Tsai, born in 1948 in a small village, says

he started drawing after his father - a parttime farmer, a village clerk and a good calligrapher — bought him a blackboard to practice writing Chinese characters. His mother, worried that he wasn't strong enough to do manual labor, was concerned about how he would support himself.

He began drawing cartoons at 17 and worked as art director for the Kuang Chi program service. He produced two cartoon films for an independent production company,





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Zhuang Zi," writings of a philosopher from China's turbulent Warring States period (475-221 B.C.). "It was an era in which the "All I do is put thoughts into pictures," he state, though he has indulged his passion for Chinese art by accumulating about 2,000 antique pieces. vering of ambitious rulers as they fight for supremacy in China, the cartoonist inserts overpowered the minority; a chaotic and pain-stricken era," Tsai wrote, adding that Zhuang Zi "shifted his vision away from worldly matters and cast his sight on the

boundless time and space." The book shot to the top of best-seller lists and has sold a million copies. Later, he added

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more volumes, including "Origins of Zen,"
"The Sayings of Mencius" and the Chinese

military classic, "The Art of War."
In typical style, "The Art of War" depicts commanders moving men and horses around a chessboard: people waiting to launch an ambush and giggling. "Hee, hee, hee," and horses going bug-eyed with fright into ill-advised barries.

Tsai attributes his popularity to doing you'll find your heaven.' something "at the right time and in the right Tsai says he mainta then in 1983 broke into newspaper comics. something "at the right time and in the right Tsai says he maintains — relatively In 1987, he published "The Sayings of place." He says that Asians, after turning to speaking — a Taoist ideal of a penniless

adds. "I'm not popular. Lao Zi and Confucius are popular.

During a recent visit to Beijing, Tsai showed his ability to distill Asian philosophy into pithy tales.

bowl, so people asked him why he wasn't trying to get it back. He said if he lost it in the city, it will be found in the city and as far as the city is concerned it wouldn't be lost." Confucius, however, would say that it

wouldn't matter where the bowl was lost because it belongs to the human race, Tsai says. And Lao Zi. founder of Taoism. wouldn't care about human beings at all. He would say "the universe has it."

Born a Christian, Tsai now describes him-

self as "more inclined to be Taoist." "I'm similar to a fish," he says, "I know

what a fish can or can't do. Sky is for birds, deep water for fish. So if you know yourself,

Soon he will apply his cartooning and storytelling skills to the region's financial crisis. He says he will try to portray all sides of the debate over the causes of the crisis.
"I quote a lot of Western economists

"There was this guy who lived in an ancient Chinese city state. Zhu, who lost an expensive bowl," Tsai says, "He wasn't eager to find the bowl, "Tsai says," "He wasn't eager to find the crash is that Asia didn't follow the Western model," Tsai says. But he also cites Asian views that contend the crisis is due to Westerners trying to "take advantage of the simation by ripping money from Asia."

Then he conjures up visual metaphors to interpret the financial virus that has thrown most of Asia into recession and its stock and currency markets into turmoil.

Tsai says it is like a food chain of grass eaters and meat eaters. "It's all part of the law of the jungle," he says. "Oriental philosophy will help those who can survive this

economic chaos.

Or, he adds, "It's like a big warning bell to beckon the end of the century or the beginning of a new era.'

Or, he concludes. "It's like an immunization shot to get into the next century."



will be free to yell a question that might once have reflected a A LEG UP - A fifth-grade student, visiting with his classmates, reacting to a short outfit in a student fashion show at Delta College in Auburn, Michigan. Michael gave his real name, Georgios Kyria-

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THE makers of the film "Titanic" have apologized to a Scottish town for turning its local hero into a villain. The movie showed the Titanic's first officer, William Murdoch, taking a bribe, shooting a steerage passenger who tried to fight his way into a lifeboat and then turning his gum on himself. Twentieth Century-Fox admitted in a letter to Alisdair Morgan, the member of Parliament for Murdoch's hometown, Dalbeattie, that it had no evidence that Murdoch had done any of those things. The studio also donated £5,000 (\$8,300) to a memorial fund set up in Murdoch's honor.

Twelve people, including the Rolling Stones guitarist Ron Wood, were taken off a yacht moments before it burned, off the coast of Rio de Janeiro. No one was injured.

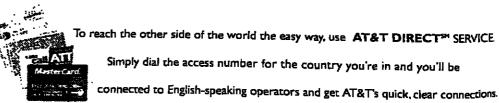
The pop star George Michael was arrested for investigation of engaging in lewd conduct in a park restroom, the police in Beverly Hills. California, said. "I can't go into details of the lewd act." Lieutenant Edward Kreins said. The singer was alone at the time, Kreins said.

cos Panayiotou, and then supplied his stage name when asked if he used any other names. He was released after posting \$500 bail.

Four weeks after his highly publicized divorce became final, Foreign Secretary Robin Cook of Britain evaded the media circus be feared and quietly married his former secretary on Thursday. Cook had announced in late March that he would marry Gaynor Regan, on April 19 at Chevening House, his official country residence. But he moved the date forward to avoid "media intrusion." according to a statement. The ceremony took place at the public registry office in Tunbridge Wells, southeast of London.

Rafi Zabor won the 1998 PEN/Faulkner Award for "The Bear Comes Home," a first novel about a "muzzy medium-brown" beast that quotes Shakespeare and plays the alto sax. The prize comes with \$15,000. The PEN/ Faulkner was founded in 1980 as a prize for fiction writers that would be judged by them This year's judges were Annie Prouls. Madison Smartt Bell and Clarence Major.





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